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## COMMENT OF THE DAY

### EDUCATION

**THE Education Ordinance** of 1952 was issued with the object of bringing into line the enormous number of schools which were springing up overnight to meet the ever increasing number of pupils who were seeking schools.

Obviously, the dearth of schools was a grand opportunity for the person, with little knowledge of education, but considerable business acumen, to exploit for financial gain a hitherto unexploited province.

The Education Ordinance of 1952 is extremely detailed and comprehensive. Should the conditions stated within its pages be met, there would not be any need for the Education (Amendment) Ordinance of 1957. But what happened was, not only that schools came into operation which have failed to meet the requirements of the Ordinance of 1952, but hundreds are now operating without any reference to that Ordinance at all.

However, a careful perusal of the Education (Amendment) Act reveals that there are still loopholes through which those out to flout authority can escape.

### Definition

**UNDER "Objects and Reasons"** of the new Bill, we find "school" defined as an "institution or place which provides education for ten or more persons during one day, whether or not at the same time."

This means that an institution purporting to teach less than ten children at a time, need not register with the various authorities, whose authorisation is necessary before the Education Department issues a Certificate of Registration. The number of such existing institutions is not known; that there is a large number, there is no doubt; but the question is, what guarantee is there that the number of children permitted by Ordinance is not exceeded?

### An Escape

**SUCH** an escape from the provision of the Ordinance could be seized, not only by a person finding a congenial way of supplementing his income, but also by the person of more unscrupulous designs. It is felt that what was necessary was to have every establishment which professes to offer some education service placed under authority, without any reference to numbers.

# HISTORIC AGREEMENT REACHED

## Bank Rate Leakage Inquiry

## IT WAS ALL A MISTAKE SAYS LONDON TYPIST

**London, Dec. 18.** A typist whose tale of a Bank Rate leak became gossip among London stockbrokers told an official tribunal today that it was all a mistake on her part.

The tribunal has been set up by the Government to investigate allegations that news of last September's two per cent rise in the Bank Rate to seven per cent was improperly leaked in advance and that some people profited by this on the stock exchange.

Earlier witnesses had told the tribunal of a rumour in businessmen's clubs that a typist had heard from her husband, an oil company employee, that the Bank Rate was to rise.

### She Explains

Mrs. Gwendoline Muriel Moriarty, the typist, today explained what really happened. It was she, not her husband, who was temporarily employed by the oil company—Mobil—on September 19, the day of the Bank Rate announcement. As she was going out to lunch that day she heard it mentioned that she might see something about the Bank Rate on the newspaper placards. At home that evening she told her husband—a stockbroker's clerk—that she knew beforehand about the Bank Rate increase.

This was because she thought the official announcement had not come out till 12.45 p.m. that day. She knew now that the news actually broke officially at 11.45—before she heard it mentioned in the office.

### It Seemed Odd

Her husband, Douglas Hugh Moriarty, told the tribunal he had not checked on his wife's story. The next day in his office he had remarked to his colleagues that it seemed odd to him as an American company should know in advance about the coming rise in the Bank Rate.

The tribunal chairman, Lord Justice Parker (Sir Hubert

Parker) asked him: "Are you proud of your conduct in this affair?"

"No, sir," Mr. Moriarty replied. The tribunal which in 10 days of sittings has heard more than 99 witnesses, is in its closing stages. Mr. Harold Wilson, the Labour opposition's chief economic spokesman in Parliament, is expected to give evidence tomorrow.

He led the pressure in the House of Commons for an official inquiry into the rumours of a leakage—*Reuter*.

## A Communist For House Of Lords?

**London, Dec. 18.** Only the life of an 83-year-old baron stands between Britain's sacrosanct House of Lords and the intrusion of a titled Communist.

The baron is Lord Milford, his son and heir, the Honorable Wogan Phillips, is a self-admitted Communist—and an active one. Phillips will automatically be entitled to don the ermine robe of a peer of the realm when his father dies.

### DISTRESSED

Says Phillips: "It has not happened yet—but if I succeeded my father today, I should not change my convictions, and consequently I would be entitled to sit in the Lords as a Communist." Says Baron Milford: "I am very distressed that I shall be succeeded by a Communist."—*United Press*.

## Nato Alliance's Charter Of Paris Nearly Ready

**Paris, Dec. 18.** The United States and its Nato allies reached an historic and unanimous agreement tonight to reinforce the Alliance in Europe with American-supplied missiles and nuclear warheads, and to press for possible new big four talks with the Soviet Union.

## PRINCESS MARGARET IS ANNOYED

**Dundee, Dec. 18.** Princess Margaret today expressed annoyance at the recent closing of a railway platform here before the departure of a train on which she was travelling.

She did so in a letter sent by her lady-in-waiting, Miss Iris Penke, to Mr. Mark Paterson here.

Mr. Paterson wrote protesting that the closure of the platform prevented him from farewelling a sister leaving for Nairobi.

### UNHAPPINESS

Today, he received a letter from Miss Penke saying: "Her Royal Highness was most annoyed to hear about this matter and she asked me to say that everything is being done to ensure that it will never happen again."

"I am to tell you how sorry the Princess is to think of the unhappiness and distress which was caused to you and your family."

British Railways had already apologised to Mr. Paterson for the incident.—*Reuter*.

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## INDONESIA TO ABIDE BY INTERNATIONAL LAW SAYS DJUANDA

**Djakarta, Dec. 18.** Prime Minister Djuanda said today Indonesia would "certainly" abide by international law with regard to Dutch property placed under Government control.

## TWISTERS KILL FOUR IN ILLINOIS

**Mount Vernon, Dec. 18.** A savage December tornado ripped Mount Vernon today, jamming the hospitals with injured persons, and more twistors crashed through towns in Western Missouri, Southern Illinois and Indiana.

State police and other authorities reported at least four persons left dead by the chain of tornadoes. Three persons were killed at Murphysboro, Illinois, and one at Sunfield, Illinois, the police said.

In Missouri, one person was killed by twister which hit Farmington, Missouri.

**TRAIN DERAILED** Appeals for all available doctors and nurses went out in the stricken towns of Mount Vernon and Murphysboro.

Meanwhile, Illinois state police said they had an unverified report of a Missouri-Pacific train derailed south of Chester, Illinois.

Elsewhere, tornadoes injured three persons at Wood River, Illinois, two at Farmington, Missouri, and one at Truxton, Missouri. Four of these were reported in critical condition.

Property damage was heavy in at least a half dozen towns in the two-state area. Additional tornadoes were reported at Moberly, Missouri, and Du Bois, Iowa. Sunfield, Corcoran, Hartford and West Mulberry Grove, Illinois.—*United Press*.

## SUSPENDED UN OFFICIAL REFUSES AGAIN

**United Nations, Dec. 18.** A suspended Danish aide again refused today to turn over to Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjöld a secret list of witnesses in the UN investigation of the Hungarian rebellion.

Fovl Bang-Jensen of Denmark reiterated his refusal to Alsing Andersen of Denmark, chairman of the five-member UN special committee on Hungary. Bang-Jensen is deputy secretary of the committee.

**DECISION** The committee decided yesterday that all documents on its inquiry earlier this year should be turned over to Hammarskjöld as the only way in which security would be afforded to these documents.

Andersen met with Bang-Jensen today and informed him officially of the committee's decision.

But Bang-Jensen, who had been suspended by the UN for his stand on the matter, stuck to his view that Hungarian lives might be endangered by handing the witness list to the Secretariat.

There was no immediate comment on the next step to be taken by the United Nations in disposing of the case against Bang-Jensen.—*United Press*.

**Rockets Opposed** A motion, protesting against the installation of American ballistic missile launching ramps in Scotland, was tabled in the House of Commons tonight. The motion was sponsored by 10 Labour members of Parliament.

At the same time he promised that Indonesia would continue its present course if no settlement is reached on the issue of Western New Guinea. Djuanda explained his Government's viewpoints in an hour-long press conference attended by more than 100 local and foreign newsmen.

## Move Against Foreign Banks

**Djakarta, Dec. 18.** The Indonesian Finance Minister, Dr. Sutikno Sismet, said today that the Government was trying to remove the influence of foreign banks on Indonesian economy. It was preparing a bill to regulate banking by state and private institutions and in the interim was issuing regulations. The Minister said that so far the West Irian liberation campaign had not affected the state budget.—*Reuter*.

He said: "That the status of Dutch interests here would be decided later but that international law would be respected as Indonesia has done in the past."

★ That to consider Dutch nationals as being "expelled" from Indonesia was "complete nonsense."

★ That there would be a place for Dutchmen to continue to work and live in

Indonesia where they would be treated the same as other foreigners when the West Irian issue is settled.

The Premier, who replied to questions both in Indonesian and in English, charged that certain Dutch interests had adopted a non-co-operative attitude in the current crisis.

This, he said, had led to their being placed under Government control to insure continued operation.

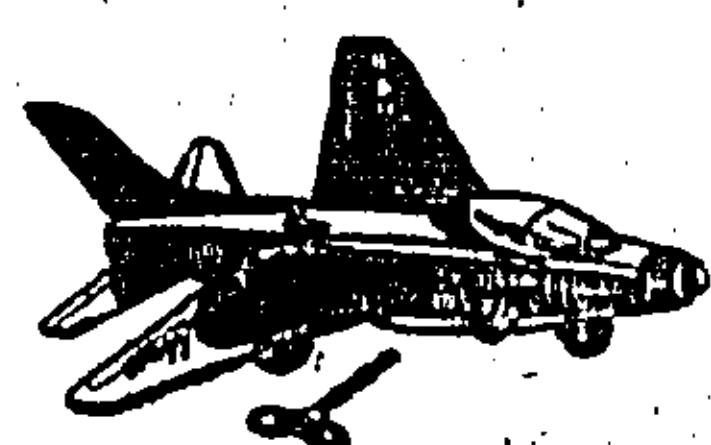
**No Secret** "I think you'll find that if the Dutch are sufficiently co-operative there will be room for them to carry on here," he said.

"We will decide later what's to be given back and what's to be nationalised."

Djuanda said it was "no secret" that Indonesia had long intended to nationalise certain Dutch interests such as gas and electric companies and that it had been the intention to build up the national shipping line to the point where it could take over from Dutch shipping in the inter-island trade.

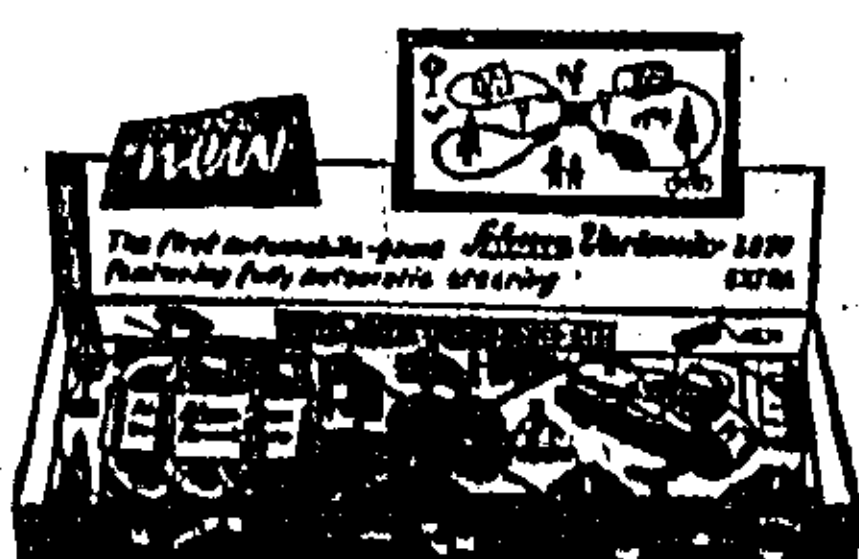
He denied that Dutch interests had been "confiscated." "There is no policy of confiscation and certainly not with regard to personal property," he said.—*United Press*.

**Troops Fire** British troops opened fire on the outskirts of Famoudh village in northern Cyprus today to evacuate themselves from a hostile, stone-throwing crowd of Cypriots. No one was wounded but two British soldiers were slightly injured by flying stones.—*France-Press*.



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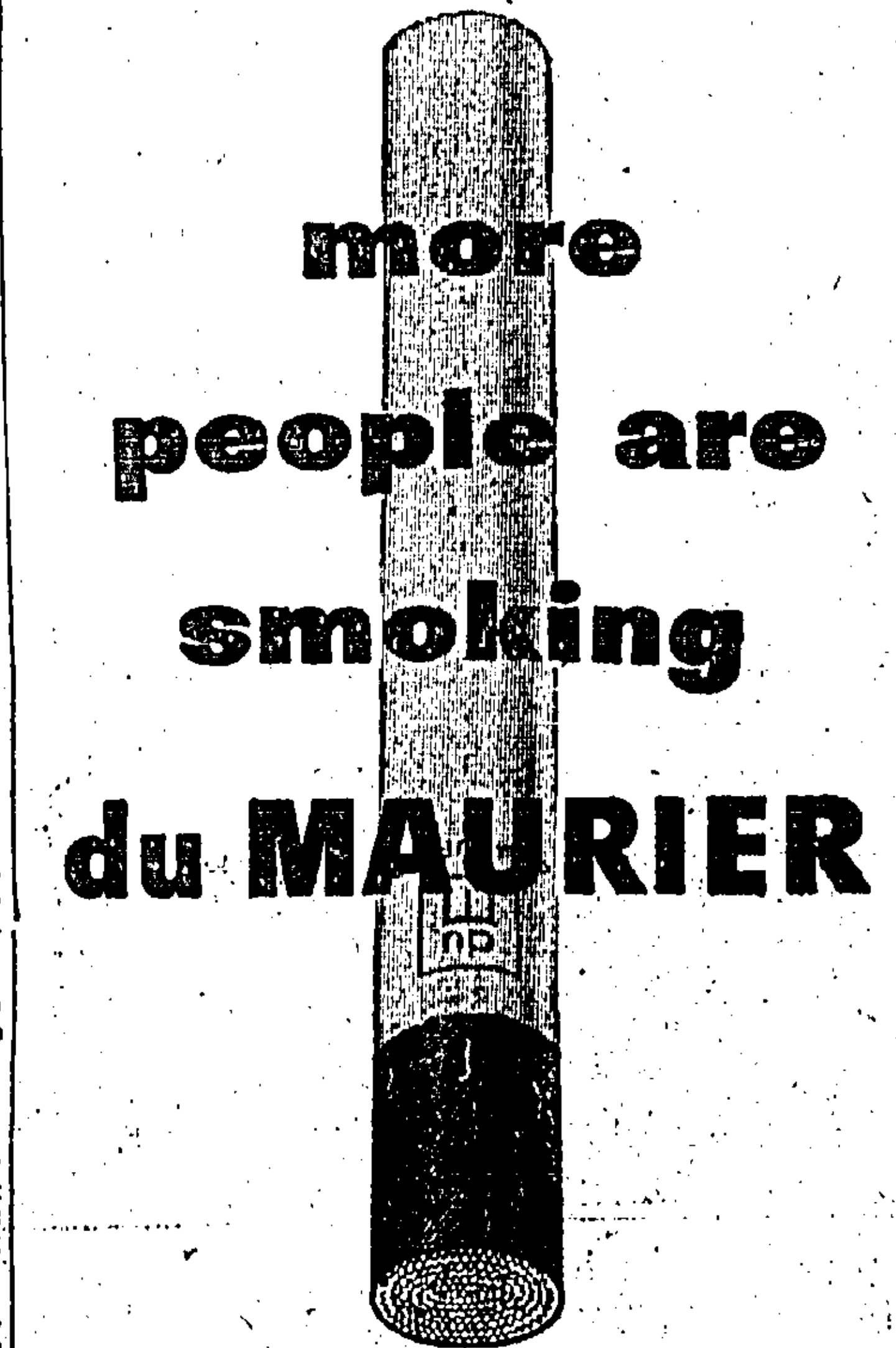
## FREIGHTER SAFE

**Singapore, Dec. 18.** The British destroyer HMS Concock, which was racing last night to rescue a Panamanian freighter grounded on a reef in the Baccaran Island, is now back on the normal route for Hong Kong.

A Royal Navy spokesman said a wireless message from the 3,000-ton freighter San Ricardo said she was refloated and on her way to Singapore with a damaged bottom.—*United Press*.

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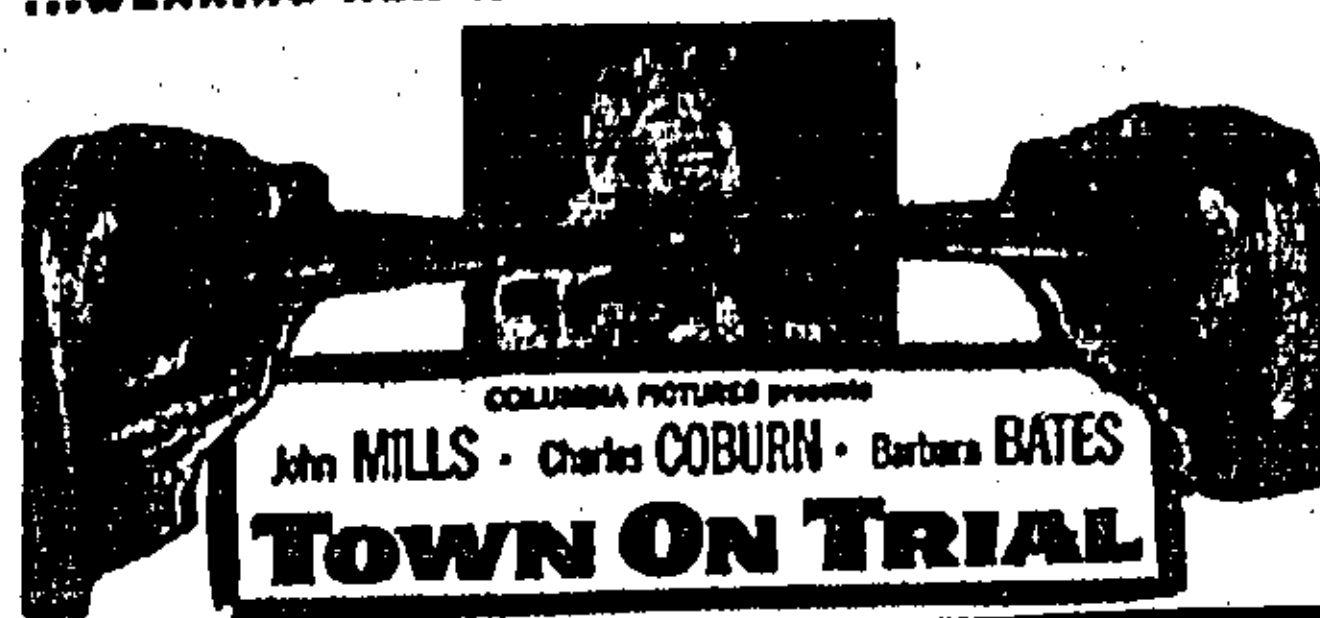
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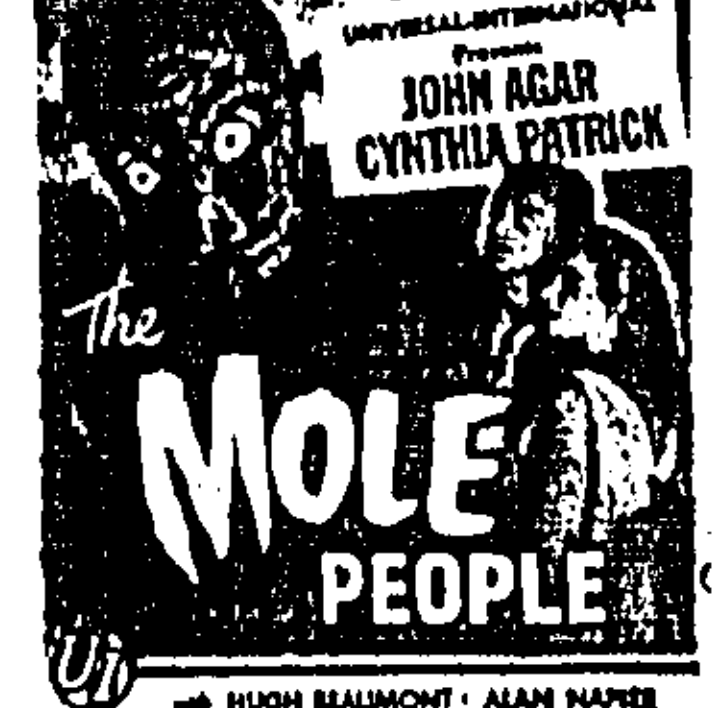
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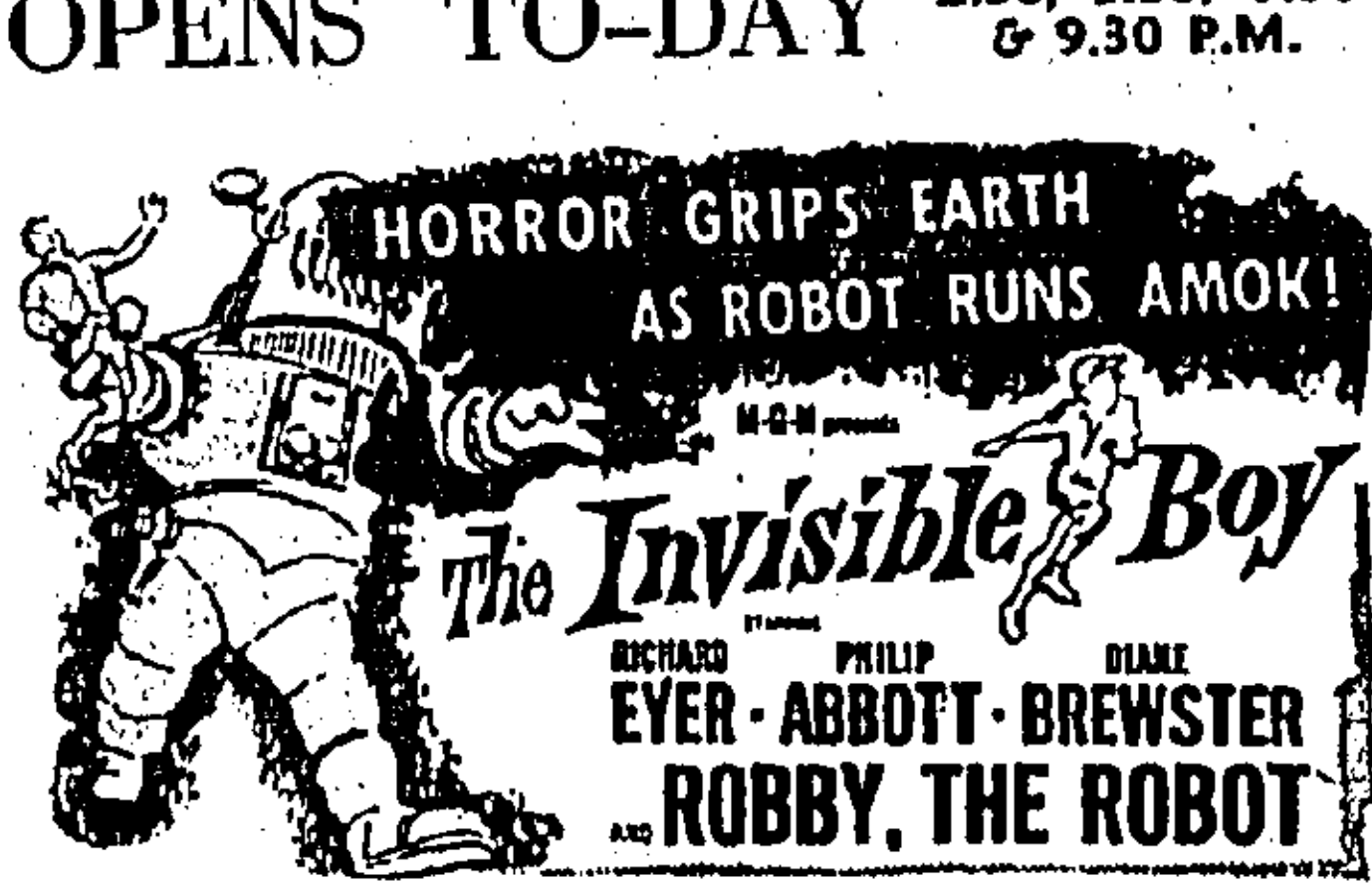
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# Proposed Mutual Security Bill EISENHOWER'S AID PLAN

## Prince Charles Returns Home For The Holidays

London, Dec. 18.

Prince Charles, nine-year-old heir to the throne, came home to Buckingham Palace today for the Christmas holidays after his first term of exclusive Cheam School, in Berkshire.

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh kept the evening clear of official engagements so they could spend it with their son.

But they and Princess Anne had to wait an hour extra for the young Prince, who was held up on the road by heavy pre-holiday traffic jams.

SPECTATORS

Only a handful of spectators waited at the Palace gates to see him arrive in a big station wagon. He waved and smiled at them.

At the end of the term today it was disclosed that when Prince Charles was writing home to his parents for the first time from Cheam, he put a worried query to one of the masters.

"I know my mother is the Queen," he said, "but how do I put that on an envelope?"

The Queen and the children will go to Sandringham House, Norfolk, on Saturday. The Duke will join them there on Sunday.—Reuter.

A SLEEPY STEVEDORE

Singapore, Dec. 18.

Japanese longshoreman, Take-sure Tekuro, 30, who fell asleep aboard a ship during a rest period in Kobe, arrived here today and will be transferred to another vessel.

The man, who arrived aboard the Mitsui's "Harriman Maru," will be put aboard the "Aikoku Maru," which will leave for Japan on Friday.

Tekuro has been forced to pay his own fare for the trip to Japan.—France-Press.

United States officials said they were unable to give a breakdown of the precise dollar amounts in each category. These were still being worked out, and depended upon a variety of factors.

But an authoritative source said that the total figure of US\$300,000,000 had been fairly definitely settled in the minds of the planners.—Reuter.

Washington, Dec. 18.

An agreement in principle to provide India with roughly US\$300,000,000 worth of United States economic aid is due to be announced around the turn of the year, usually well-informed sources said today.

It would be a "package" consisting of three components: a "substantial" credit from the U.S. Government Export-Import Bank, a loan from the new development loan fund and a new agreement to sell surplus U.S. farm commodities to India for rupees.

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Shannon, Irish Republic, Dec. 18.

A berserk Italian racehorse had to be shot about a New York-bound aircraft because it was endangering the lives of nine people. It was disclosed tonight.

The carcass of the horse, the \$2,500 yearling, Rookwoods, was landed here from the plane today.

Eight other race horses were being carried in the aircraft from London to New York yesterday when Rookwoods went berserk.

It became so violent that Captain Stan Mullholland decided the lives of the crew and four horses aboard were in danger. He decided to destroy the thoroughbred after a talk with the groom in charge of it.

Mullholland reported tonight that Rookwoods had wrecked its stall, broken its halter and was in danger of kicking the side out of the plane.

The aircraft was 500 miles from the Irish coast at the time. It turned back here and disposed of the carcass to a local dealer in dead animals.—China Mail Special.

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The Eisenhower Administration's proposed mutual security bill for the next Congress will contain a larger proportion of non-military aid than any bill since the programme was started, it was learned today.

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He had a lawyer this time but the judge sentenced him to two additional years imprisonment for attempted escape.—United Press.

The Nigerian tribesman referred to the discovery:

★ That he was secretly married on April 30 in Chicago to Katherine McGee and several weeks later offered to renounce his first wife. Farren when she sued him for non-support.

★ That the U.S. Immigration Service was "actively" investigating him for overstaying his student visa.

★ That he flunked out of the University of Louisville Medical School two years ago without passing a course, did not attend classes for two years and is not a student at the University of Chicago as he claimed.

Adenoma told the television audience he could use his US\$4,000 "to further my medical education" and was "very grateful for your kindnesses."—United Press.



# US Didn't Ask Britain To Suppress Announcement Atomic Power Row: No Secret Pact

## S'pore Is Ready For 5,000 Dutch Refugees

Singapore, Dec. 18. The Singapore Government announced today that the Colony can accommodate 5,000 Dutch refugees at any one time without calling on the British Army for help.

A Government spokesman said it was unlikely that this figure would be reached.

Some 3,300 refugees from Indonesia are expected to arrive here in four ships within the next few days, the first docking on Saturday. A total of 228 refugees arrived today by air. Most of them were wives and children of Dutch businessmen.

The local authorities today completed the erection of 30 army tents and eight barracks to house the refugees.

### STRANDED

Meanwhile, 300 Indonesians who were stranded here have formed a committee and protested to the KPM shipping authorities about the conditions on board the ship where they are living. The committee said it would not be responsible for events if conditions did not improve.

The Indonesians were stranded when the Dutch-owned ships refused to enter Indonesian ports.

In Djakarta the Dutch community in Indonesia today sent a telegram to the Netherlands Prime Minister, Willem Drees, expressing bitter disappointment at the Dutch Cabinet's recent decision on the payment of repatriation fares.

The Netherlands Government announced that it would pay the fares from Indonesia to Singapore of Dutch nationals who could not afford it and that advances only would be given the rest of the voyage from Singapore to Holland.

The protest cable, signed by a number of prominent Dutch residents in Djakarta, urged the Government to review its decision so that the economically weak would not have to bear an "inhuman" burden from the beginning of the new life they would have to start.—France-Press.

## The Harnessing Of H-Bomb's Power For Peace

Washington, Dec. 18.

Chairman Lewis L. Strauss of the Atomic Energy Commission today branded as "completely false" published reports that he requested Britain to suppress an announcement that British scientists have succeeded in controlling fusion reaction.

These reports had said a secret political deal between the United States and Britain prevented Britain from disclosing officially that British scientists had harnessed the H-bomb for peaceful purposes.

Strauss, in a statement sent here from the Nato conference in Paris, asserted that the development of economic thermo-nuclear power "is still remote." He said, however, that he is "confident that it will be realised."

## ANTI-IKE REDS IN PARIS ARE ARRESTED

Paris, Dec. 18.

Four Communists and one extreme rightist were gaoled today for taking part in demonstrations against the arrival in Paris of President Eisenhower, who came to attend the Nato "summit" conference.

The Communists distributed pamphlets along the way which Eisenhower's car was to take passing through Paris on Saturday. The tracts called for peace and a halt in atomic tests.

The Communists were charged with inciting to form a mob and taking part in an illegal demonstration.

At the same time, in another court, an extreme right-wing demonstrator, Georges Ferriere, was arrested on the same charges. Driving the wrong way up a one-way street, he was stopped by the police who found him carrying pamphlets, fireworks and a club.

He was a member of the right-wing Peoples Party Revolutionary Movement.—France-Press.

Strauss said that research on the problem of controlling fusion reaction has been carried on in the United States and Britain, independently "for a number of years."

"Since 1956," he said, "we have shared results and information on the project with the United Kingdom as a means of more rapidly reaching the goal we both seek."

"Periodically it occurs that first one laboratory and then another will make a useful and illuminating advance. These advances have resulted in the production and maintenance of quite high temperatures in a plasma of light nuclei and the containment of such a plasma for very brief, but nevertheless appreciable length of time."

"Much longer containment, however, must be obtained and much higher temperatures reached."

"During these experiments on both sides of the Atlantic, the emission of neutrons has been observed. Whether or not these neutrons are produced under thermo-nuclear conditions will only be ascertainable as a result of elaborate and protracted experiments."

### Exchange

Strauss said the United States and Britain "freely exchanged" information at a meeting here in October. He said it was agreed at the meeting, attended by scientists of both countries, that although the temperatures reached in both countries suggested the achievement of neutrons from thermo-nuclear reactions, more work would be required to establish this as a fact.

"The realisation of the production of thermo-nuclear neutrons, if definitely established, would be an important step — but only a step — in the long range efforts to develop thermo-nuclear reactors for the production of economic power."

"It may be important to restate that the development of economic thermo-nuclear power, although I am confident that it will be realised, is still remote. It will not, therefore, interfere with the necessary development of reactors for the production of electrical energy from the fission of heavy elements."—United Press.

### Discretion

New Jersey, Dec. 18. Police began "discreet" search yesterday for two vital items. Mrs. Edith Erickson reported her 10-year-old daughter's girdle and panties had been stolen from the clothesline in back of her home.—United Press.

## Govt Crisis Threatens Israel

Jerusalem, Dec. 19.

A government crisis threatened Israel tonight. The majority party in the coalition government ordered members of the minority party to resign from the Cabinet. Government sources expected the Cabinet to fall "momentarily."

At a party meeting tonight, the Mafai Party, the government's largest group, ordered the Ahdut Haavoda Party members of the Cabinet to resign for sabotaging a "supreme security matter" by giving it publicity.

The Mafai meeting, presided over by the Prime Minister David Ben Gurion, apparently referred to Ahdut Haavoda leaks yesterday concerning a proposed Ben Gurion mission to Germany.—United Press.

## They Leave Britain

London, Dec. 18.

The Commonwealth relations office announced today that 220,000 British subjects emigrated to the Commonwealth during 1956.

More than 100,000 went to Canada, the others to Australia, New Zealand, Kenya, Rhodesia, Nyasaland and South Africa.—France-Press.

## French War Hero Charged With Double Murder

Clearwater, Florida, Dec. 18.

French war hero Maurice M. Chavigny, on trial for double murder, testified today that retired Brig. Gen. Wilbur McReynolds shot his wife during a scuffle and that he in turn shot the General.

The suave soldier of fortune claimed he was forced to sign a confession that he himself shot both.

Chavigny, who broke down seven times while on the witness stand, said he had made up his mind to leave the McReynolds' home, where he had lived more than a year.

The Frenchman said he informed the couple of his intentions while they were having a "room-to-room" argument. He said both had been drinking.

"I no want to have part in the night," he said in broken English, explaining he told Mrs. McReynolds that he was going to leave.

"She said no. She told me, I love you very much, Maurice." He testified he replied, "I'm going. It's finished. You pray for me, darling."

He said he then told her he was going to kill himself and pulled a pistol from his pocket, but Mrs. McReynolds grabbed his arm, saying, "I love you very much, Maurice."

Chavigny said it was possible that the last shot fired by the General was meant for him, but that he shot the General before McReynolds could shoot.

Mrs. Martha Colt, who lives across the street from the home in which Chavigny lived as a combination butler, chauffeur and guest of the McReynolds, testified she heard Chavigny shout: "You play with me, my darling—Finis! Finis!"

Then eight shots rang out, the McReynolds' Cadillac roared away from the exclusive neighbourhood had Chavigny, cap-

tured after a police chase, allegedly confessed he had shot the couple to death.

Judge John U. Bird ruled that Chavigny's "confession" be read before the courtroom crowded with 300 spectators, mostly women.

"I wish to kill myself in her home," the alleged confession said. Chavigny, much-decorated veteran of four wars, said he donned his French Legion uniform for the occasion.

"I drink many drinks—she drink many drinks, too," he allegedly told the police.

"SHOOT!" He said he pulled out the pistol to kill himself and Mrs. McReynolds "came toward me to disarm me—after that I shoot, shoot, shoot!"

McReynolds came into the room and tried to get the 22 caliber pistol Chavigny had just bought, he said, and "I shoot, shoot, shoot."

"It's an old love story," he told the officers. "I don't know if you will understand it."

Mrs. Colt's husband, George S. Colt, testified that during Chavigny's year as a guest in the McReynolds' home, the Frenchman acted as a "combination butler-chauffeur" who was socially acceptable in the fashionable neighbourhood because of his own charm.

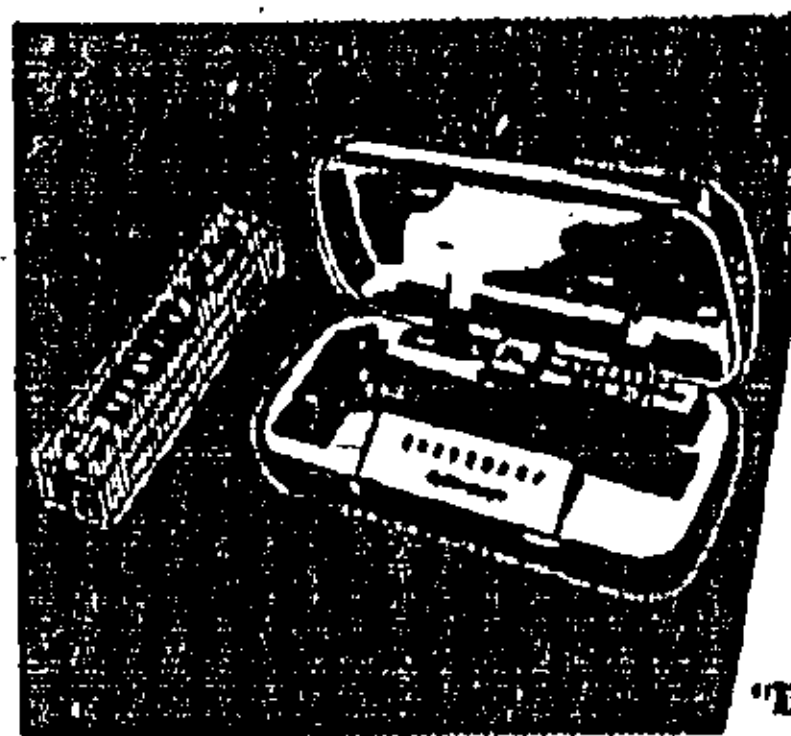
Colt said Chavigny and Mrs. McReynolds on occasions occupied the house together during the General's absences for as long as two weeks at a time.—United Press.

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## Atom-Powered Subs Will Spearhead New Navies: Jane's

London, Dec. 18.

"Jane's Fighting Ships" today held out the possibility that nuclear-powered submarines equipped with guided missiles would replace aircraft carriers as the spearhead of naval warfare within a few years.

The classic reference work on the world's navies, in its diamond jubilee edition published today, noted that "advances in nuclear propulsion enable submarines to remain submerged indefinitely and to launch guided missile attacks with far greater chances of survival than surface ships, including aircraft carriers."

Nuclear-powered submarines needed "only a fraction of the maintenance and none of the naval support required by aircraft carriers."

"Jane's" puts the Soviet submarine fleet at more than 475 units, of which a large percentage are long-range boats of new construction.

The Soviet Union, it is estimated, will commission 75 to 85 new modern submarines in each of the calendar years, 1958 and 1959.

"But," Jane's added: "Although Russia may have superiority in numbers, the United States cannot be said to have lagged behind in pressing submarine design towards the ultimate development—with several nuclear-powered submarines."

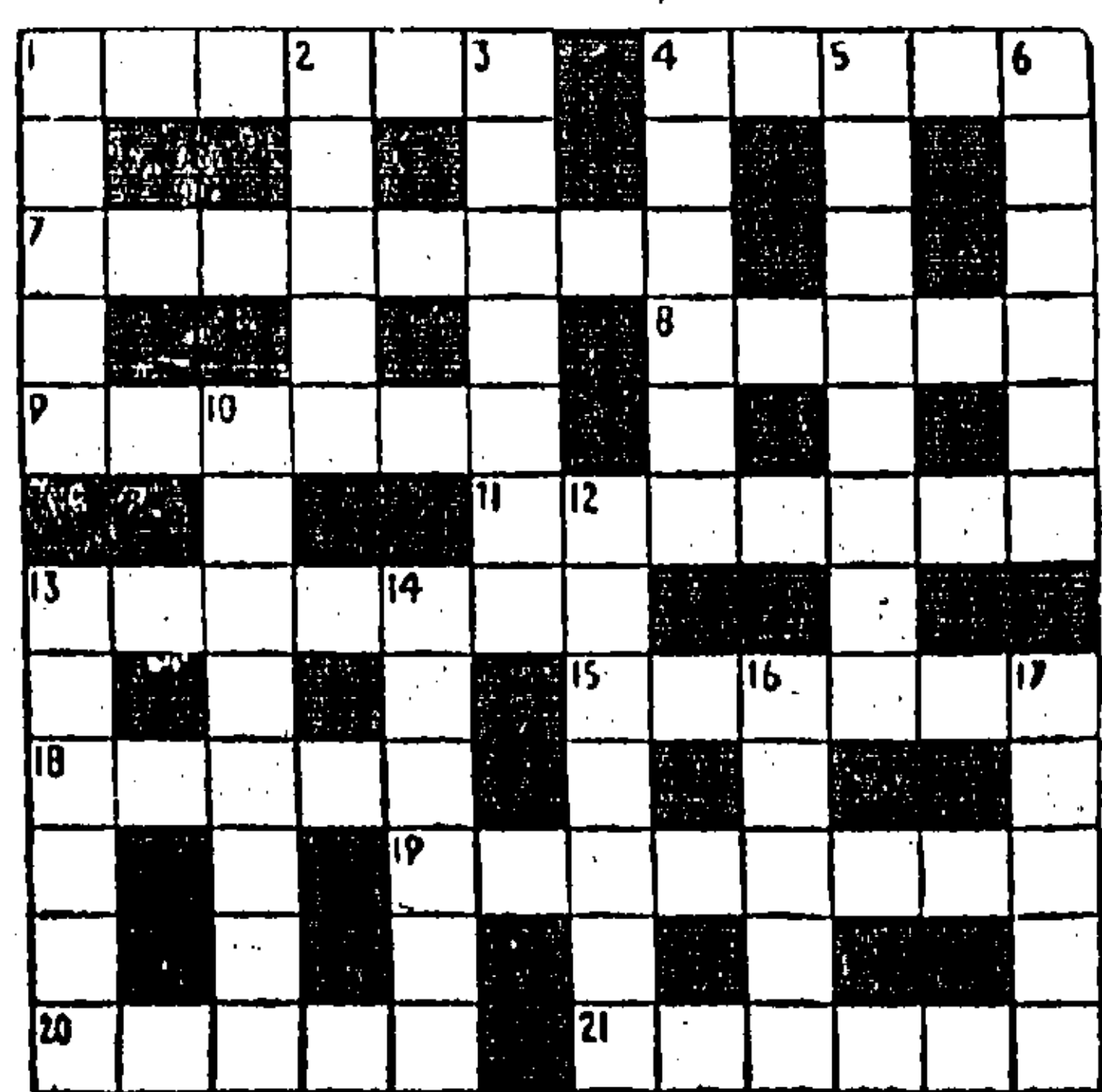
Since the war the Russians have built more cruisers and destroyers than all the other nations of the world combined, but the emphasis in Russian building is now understood to be shifting from 15,000-ton cruisers with a speed of 35 knots to fast ocean destroyers of 38 knots.

"Jane's" also observes that the 16,000-ton nuclear-powered icebreaker "Lening" at present building and a 25,000-ton icebreaker projected "are obviously test vehicles and precursors of atomic-powered cruisers and battlecruisers of the future."

Raymond V. B. Blackburn, compiler and editor of this edition, points out in the foreword that the world has reached another turning point at sea. This is particularly illustrated by the section devoted to the growing nuclear power and missile armaments of the United States Navy.

About Britain's Royal Navy, "Jane's" draws attention to the reorganisation "into streamlined task groups around aircraft carriers," and gives details of construction and modernisation of warships to meet present conditions.—China Mail Special.

## A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS**
- 1 Horse that may be drunk (6).
  - 4 You are in this race! (5).
  - 7 Brighton feature (8).
  - 8 Fight for a bit (6).
  - 9 Some gamblers have one (6).
  - 11 Fan (7).
  - 13 Going down! (7).
  - 15 Tolerates (6).
  - 16 DSO, for example (5).
  - 19 Not fully developed (8).
  - 20 Large crowds in pubs (5).
  - 21 Sensational fibres (6).
- DOWN**
- 1 Cod is one of them (5).
  - 2 Not a slow bird (5).
  - 3 Engine-driver? (7).
  - 4 Horse-cub (6).
  - 5 Reflected (6).
  - 6 Crabby youngster? (6).
  - 10 Celebrated Greek philosopher (8).
  - 12 They tell no tales (4, 3).
  - 13 Shortage (6).
  - 14 East and West they lie in the sea (6).
  - 16 Put underground (5).
  - 17 One of them is Irish (5).

**WEDNESDAY'S SOLUTION.**—Across: 1 Asia, 4 Sherman, 7 Rota, 8 Pier, 10 Elected, 11 Abol, 12 Down, 14 Deserts, 17 Iran, 18 Chase, 22 Languid, 23 Eden, 27 Goar, 28 Arouses, 29 Ails, 30 Reel, 31 Endless, 32 Duds. Down: 2 Sailor, 3 Arrant, 4 Stead, 5 Haller, 6 Ruche, 7 Alori, 12 Dial (rev), 13 Wain, 15 Road, 16 Sten, 18 Misers, 20 Herald, 21 Bee reel, 25 Aaroy, 26 Orad, 28 Does.

## Girls In Racial Fight

### US STUDENTS STAGE WALK-OUT IN ST LOUIS

St. Louis, Dec. 18. Between 50 and 100 students staged a pre-arranged walkout at Central High School here today after a white girl and a negro girl were involved in a fight yesterday.

Police and school authorities had the situation under control in about two hours.

Police said about 100 students were involved, but school authorities said it was closed to 50. Police arrested three girls, two 16 and one, 17,

for resisting arrest as they tried to break up the milling throng.

Police said yesterday that a white and a negro girl, both 15, fought over possession of a sweater in the girls' locker room. The fight continued in the hallway before it was broken up.

The total integrated enrollment of Central High School, located in mid-town North St. Louis, is about 1,300 students.

There was no actual fighting or rioting in the walkout, an officer said.—United Press.

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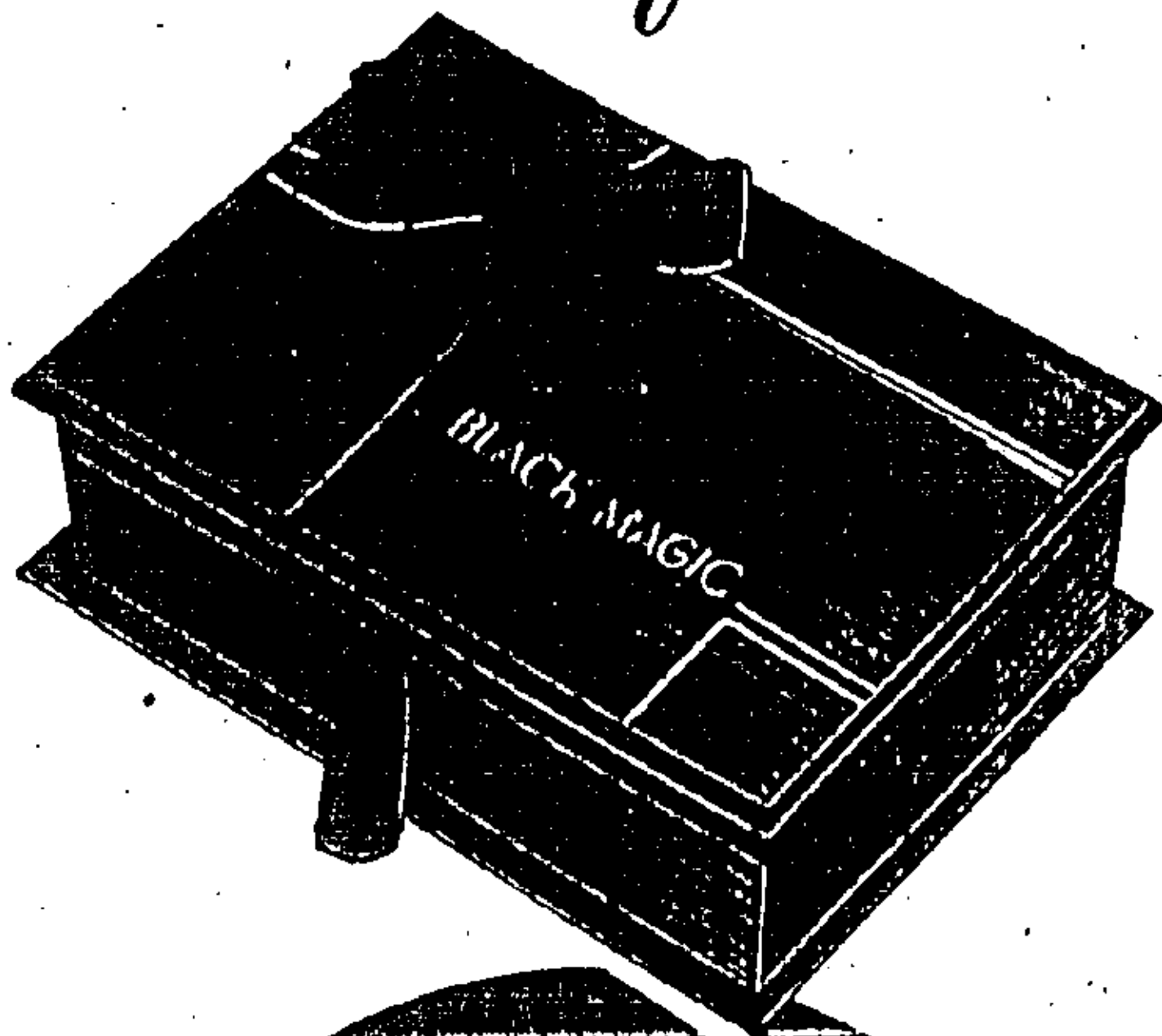
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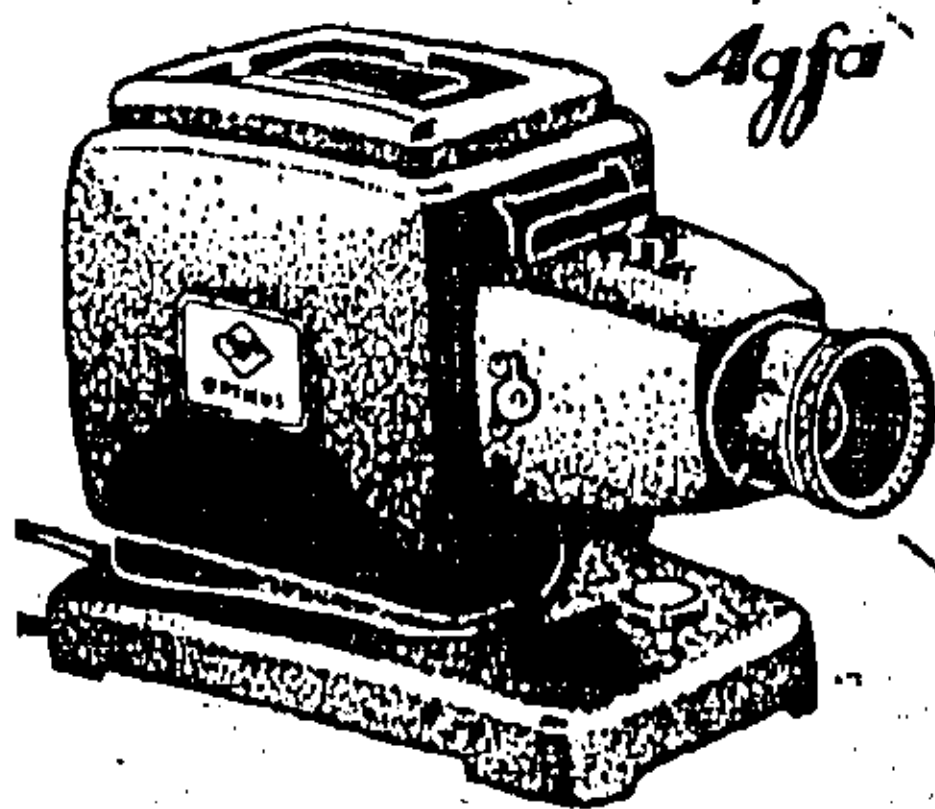
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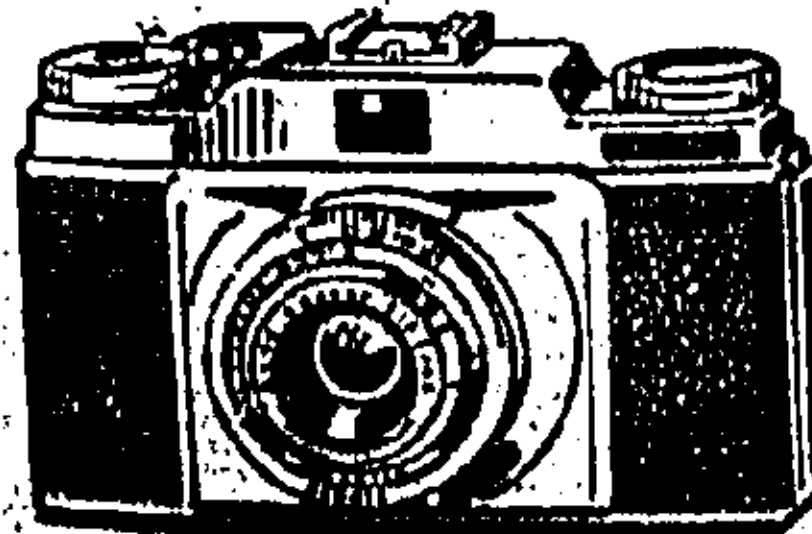
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Churchill takes Rufus "walks" in the lovely grounds at Chartwell.

# DEAR CAT... DEAR PIG...

You never heard such things about Churchill!



LOVE is something Winston Churchill understands. His love and devotion to his wife were an inspiration to me. He would sometimes tend one special flower till he thought it was perfect enough to present to her.

During my four years as his valet, I also got to know how well he loved his animals, too—

His horses, his dog, his cat, his pigs, his cows, his black swans, his fish—and ONE LITTLE BLACK GOAT.

Don Iddon's Mid-Atlantic Diary

## DON'T LET'S BE BEASTLY TO THE AMERICANS

THIS could be called "Argument in the Queen Elizabeth." I have never known politics so much discussed on an Atlantic crossing, and I have crossed more than 40 times.

Ladies who have wanted to dance or flirt, or both, have had to sit in on discussions about Sputnik, the American rocket failure, Eisenhower, Macmillan, Nixon, and NATO.

I have felt rather sorry for the Americans on this voyage. For one thing they are outnumbered—there are 150 British as against 70 aliens



PURSER 'CARINE  
THE MIRACLE-MEMORY MAN.

### Mistaken

WE shall be making a mistake to chortle over American discomfiture or scoff at their inability to leap into outer space. We haven't got a rocket or a satellite ourselves, have we? Aboard this ship the man wisest in Anglo-American relations is Sir Francis Evans, a friend of mine for the past 20 years. Sir Evans has just retired as British Ambassador to Argentina, and before that served over a quarter of a century as Consul-General and Consul in New York, Boston, and Los Angeles.

He is the perfect British Ambassador: tall, suave, handsome, white-haired, and endowed with charm. He would have made an ideal Ambassador to Washington, but now has retired to the vice-chairmanship of the Northern Ireland Development Board, which is attracting American firms to Northern Ireland.

Sir Francis has been confined to his sitting-room by a broken leg, but he has talked there over a whisky and sherry while Lady Evans looked on. Sir Francis said: "I know a little about the Americans and I haven't the slightest doubt that they will catch up and pass the Russians in scientific achievements. When the Americans move, they move fast. Look what they did after Pearl Harbour."

I said: "I hope it won't take another Pearl Harbour or worse to get them going." "I don't think so. They have had some nasty jolts and their pride is hurt, but their confidence is not deeply dented. I think also that Anglo-American relations are on a very happy and warm basis. We need each other and we know it. Sputnik will make us stick together more than ever."

I asked him: "Do you think President Eisenhower should resign?"

The diplomat became more diplomatic. "I'd rather not say, because if I express any view people might think I would be reflecting the opinion of some of my colleagues," say Caccia, British Ambassador in Washington.

Other people in the ship are not so reluctant to state their views.

Most of the Americans and all the British to whom I have talked say plainly: "Like must stand down." Which brings up another point. The Americans would be obliged if they could be allowed to decide themselves who should be their President. They say they are not in the habit of picking British Prime Ministers. Of course, they have themselves some of the derisive laughter the world is indulging in.

I have been to Cocoa Beach twice, and there were too many imponderables in such tests to risk premature announcements.

Whether or not President Eisenhower will go to NATO is not known as I radio this dispatch, but it would be a mistake to reduce the Presidency to what Professor Max Lerner calls a single insurance test.

If like does go and suffers not even a cold, that does not prove his physical fitness to continue in the man-killing job of the Presidency.

The Democrats' board are disappointed that Adlai Stevenson is not going to Paris. Stevenson has been treated stupidly and in an off-hand manner. He says his position is like that of the little girl who wrote to her uncle, "My present was just what I wanted, but not very much."

Stevenson also says that a NATO meeting without Eisenhower will be "like a marriage without a bride."

It has been a good, restful voyage, extraordinarily calm and mild for this time of the year. There is a new commodore—Captain Charles Williams, who is now on the bridge of the world's biggest ship. He invited me to drink and told me he had been 38 years with the Cunard Company.

I think all the entertaining which captains and staff captains and purser and ships' doctors and chief engineers have to do is an imposition.

Every evening the parade of titles and all-aged celebrities and newspaper writers turns up. Lord Curzon, the star purser of the North Atlantic or any other ocean seems to enjoy the job.

He has a miracle-memory, draws all the pretty girls and brightest minds to his parties, and never forgets a name. Also, his dry martinis are excellent.

It is a happy ship. There isn't a man or woman in the ship's company who is not convinced that it is the greatest ship ever built.

He met that little black goat during one of his painting holidays in Marrakesh, in Morocco. We were picnicking in the Atlas Mountains. If you can call six tables of food and a few bottles of wine cooling in the mountain stream a picnic.

MR CHURCHILL was painting.

As usual he was grumbling all the time to himself.

"That's no good," he muttered, and scraped off the oil paint again.

It was an unwritten law that no one ever looked over his shoulder.

He couldn't stand it and made no bones about his feelings if anyone ventured too near.

Suddenly, before we could do anything, a little Arab boy with a herd of black goats walked straight up to Mr Churchill.

The goats surrounded him and the little Arab boy stood and stared at the easel.

We waited for the blast. But it never came.

Instead, Mr Churchill started making a fuss of one of the little black goats.

He walked slowly back to the tables laden with food and began feeding his new four-legged friend. After that it became routine. Every day he would stop painting and call for his little black goat.

He would then spend a few minutes petting and feeding the little creature.

ALL went well until one day a French driver ran into the herd of goats and killed one of them.

Of course, it had to be Mr Churchill's pet. Everyone was in a flap. We knew if we told the Guv'nor it would ruin his holiday.

So we decided to try to fool him. I went out with one of the detectives and roped another little black goat.

Then we hid it in the rocks until Mr Churchill called: "Where is my little black goat? It's time I fed it."

We dragged the creature from its hiding place. It was butting and bleating all the time.

Mr Churchill was puzzled. He couldn't understand why it tried to bite his hand when he went to feed it.

He kept saying: "What's wrong with my dear little goat?"

We didn't dare tell him. It would have broken his heart.

But that understanding goat wouldn't help us in our deception.

It properly got my goat, in fact, with its cross behaviour and eventually Mr Churchill had to stop trying to make friends.

But we never told him what really happened for he couldn't bear to think of any animal being injured or killed.

Once, back at his lovely home at Chartwell in Kent, he saw my dog with a bandage round its paw.

It had caught his foot in a door, but a vet had assured me no bones were broken.

That was not good enough for the Guv'nor.

"What is wrong with your little dog, Norman?" he asked.

I explained.

"Well, send it to a dog's hospital for a fortnight," he said. "I can't bear to see it limping around."

It cost him £10 10s. for the fortnight.

Mr Churchill adored his poodle Rufus most of all his pets.

He could hardly bear to leave Rufus behind when he went away.

Whenever this happened he would always appoint one of the Swiss maids—usually Doria, an attractive blonde girl—to look after Rufus.

He gave her a long list of instructions about food, exercise, etc.—rather like a mother does when she leaves her only child with a neighbour for a spell.

He never stopped worrying about the dog.

I've even known him to leave a debate at the House of Commons to tell me to phone Chartwell to find out how Rufus was keeping.

The only thing in which Rufus disappointed his master was that he would not go into the swimming bath.

One day Mr Churchill decided to put Rufus into the water in spite of his reluctance.

But he made me go in first—just in case Rufus couldn't swim!

Mr Churchill's love for all his animals was so great that another day on the farm at Chartwell had to be carried out like a combined military secret mission.

It he found out about any slaughtering he would mope around for days.

I suppose this affection for animals accounted for the rather odd nicknames the Churchills used in the intimacy of their home. I have often seen Mr Churchill lean across the dining table, affectionately squeeze Mrs Churchill's hand, and purr: "Dear Cat."

She made her rather odd reply, "Dear Pig," sound like an affectionate caress.

THE Guv'nor always called his daughter Mary, "Mary The Chimp," and he always called Sarah, "Sarah The Mule."

It was a family affectionate names which only they understood and recognised.

Often when Mrs Churchill arrived at Chartwell she would stand in the front hall shouting: "WOW, WOW!" She would wait for a few seconds. Then Mr Churchill would bellow back: "Wow! Wow!"

It was a strange custom, but I got used to it.

Mr Churchill loved to see the rabbits running about the estate.

Even when there was a danger of that Chartwell would become over-run with the pests he refused his farm manager's request to gas them.

He was just the same about his wonderful black swans. Every year we used to lose a few to the foxes.

But when we suggested that we should organise a shoot, or trap foxes, he wouldn't listen.

"I couldn't bear to think the foxes were being hurt," he said.

I thought he might change his tune when a hero ran, but his fish pond and lived in style on his Golden Oriole—fish like big goldfish.

But no! He had the ponds covered with wire netting, but we were not even allowed to frighten the hero away. Yet he was crazy about his fish. He made a point of going to feed the fish ponds every day to feed them with maggots which were specially brought from York-shire.

It was unbecoming to watch him. He would walk to the side of the pond and about his head off. "Yolk, yolk," he would yell.

The fish would gather in front of him and take the maggots from his hand. When he had fed his fish he would sit on the wall and say: "Norman, go and get the car."

The "car" was an old battered Austin Ten.

His only real job was to take Mr Churchill back to the house after his visit to the fish pond. Mrs Churchill couldn't stand the sight of it.

One day she decided to get rid of the wreck and buy a new car for the estate.

The old Austin was taken to a local garage and sold for about £40.

Mrs Churchill bought a new Hillman Minx to replace it.

The next day when the Guv'nor had fed the fish I hurried up in the new car to take him back to the house.

He played hell about it. "What's that?" he asked. I explained that it was his new car.

But his only answer was: "Well, I want the old one back."

So we had to buy it back from the garage.

But not for £40.

The price was now £80 because the garage owner had already sold it for that figure to someone else.

TROPICAL fish fascinated Mr Churchill nearly as much as his lovely Golden Oriole.

It was a fascination which almost proved fatal.

He kept these tiny, bright, darling little fish in tanks around his study.

He had an awful (for me!) habit of calling me back after I had seen him into bed in the early hours of the morning.

"Norman, I forgot to feed the little fish," he would say. "He would eat up, and spend half an hour feeding them. Then I would have to see him into bed again."

I think I must have made it clear that I did not share his love for little fish at three o'clock in the morning, because he decided once to feed them on his own.

As he did so he dropped the lid of one of the tanks into the water.

It smashed the underwater electric light bulb used to keep the water at the right temperature.

He put his hand in to get the lid—his hand was off.

He had forgotten that the electricity was still on.

HE got a terrific shock. It was lucky it was not fatal.

And from that time on I made sure to take a special interest in the fish!

We servants were much more understanding about Mr Churchill's race horses for we made a lot of money out of them.

Whenever one of his horses was running he always had a telephone conference with his trainer, Walter Nightingall.

The rest of the servants used to rely upon me to tip them off if I heard a good thing.

One day I heard the Guv'nor talking about a horse called Pail Mail. I passed the tip on and we all backed it heavily. It won at 100-9.

I told Mr Churchill about it and he laughed his head off.

"Pail Mail didn't stand a chance so I didn't back it," he said, with a roar.

He used to talk with pride about his most successful race horse, Colonel II.

But the story went that he got one of his biggest race shocks over that horse.

I heard that he somehow got the impression that Colonel II had been given to him as a gift and he went around saying:—"What a kind Frenchman to give me Colonel II!"

Then one day he got the bill. Rumour said it was for about £6,000.

I don't think he regretted paying out the money. Colonel II won about thirteen races on the trot.

Mr Churchill liked to win. Not only on the horses, but in everything. He couldn't even bear to lose an argument.

Even with me—in private.

There was one occasion when he made an amusing mistake in public because he was too stubborn to admit to me that he was wrong and I was right.

IT WAS THE NIGHT HE DROPPED A CHANGER OVER A GONG. AS I SHALL BE TELLING YOU.

TOMORROW: WHAT CLANG!











# MICKEY MANTLE BEATEN AGAIN

## Just The News That Every Manager Longs To Hear

By JAMES CONNOLLY

Only two months after joining the club, Derek Dougan, Portsmouth's 19-year-old centre forward, has told manager Eddie Lever that he wants to forget his plans to become an electrical engineer and concentrate on football.

Just the news that every manager longs to hear, yet Lever has told the boy to think it over and consider qualifying at night school.

So history repeats itself at they might listen to the right bid for Eire international George Cummins, a £12,000 buy from Everton four years ago.

Newcastle have an £18,000 budget for new players, but they won't splash it on one man. Ramsey found this out when they asked £18,000 for Malcolm Graham.

(London Express Service).

## Wallabies Beaten In The 13th Match Of Their Tour

Western Counties Make History

Bristol, Dec. 18. The Australian Rugby Union team, playing the 13th match of their tour, were beaten 9-8 by Western Counties in a thrilling game here today.

It was the first time in history that Western Counties, comprising players from Gloucestershire and Somerset, had defeated a touring side. They deserved to win because their forwards were livelier and their backs more enterprising.

### Close And Solid Play

Western Counties, who led 6-3 at half time, scored two tries and a penalty goal to a goal and a penalty by the Australians, who concentrated on close and solid forward play.

The Wallabies, who play their first international against Wales on January 4, have now been beaten five times and have won seven games, with one drawn.

—China Mail Special.

## Ted Williams Scores In Fielding Department

Chicago, Dec. 19. Ted Williams beat Mickey Mantle again today — in the fielding department, of all places. Williams wound up the 1957 season with a .995 defensive average, committing only one error in 218 total chances, according to official American League fielding averages released by the Howe News Bureau, while Mantle had a .979 mark, with seven errors in 387 chances.

Only two regular AL outfielders posted better fielding averages than Williams. They were Charlie Maxwell of Detroit with a .997 mark and Al Pihlak of Baltimore with .990. Vic Power of Kansas City, who generally uses only one hand grabbing his infielder's throws, topped all the first basemen in the circuit with a .998 average. He made only two errors in 113 games.

Bill Gardner of Baltimore edged Nellie Fox of Chicago at second base by one point. Gardner averaged .987 and Fox .986.

### A Bigger Margin

At shortstop, Joe Demaretti of Kansas City had a bigger margin over runner-up Gil McDougald of the Yankees. Demaretti compiled an average of .980 compared with McDougald's .970. Frank Maloney of the Red Sox led the third basemen with a .954 figure.

Yogi Berra of the Yankees was the defensive standout among the catchers with a .995 average while teammate Bobby Shantz handled more chances than any other pitcher, 72, and wound up the leader at his position with a .980 average.

For the second straight year, the Chicago White Sox were the team fielding leaders with a .982 mark that was three points higher than the figure

they compiled to lead the League in 1956. Baltimore finished second with .981 and the Yankees and Tigers tied for third place with .980 each.

The Yankees led in double plays with 183, while Cleveland committed the most errors, 153.

## Dodgers May Use The Rose Bowl

Los Angeles. The Los Angeles Dodgers today moved a step closer to possible use of Pasadena's world-famous Rose Bowl as a temporary home until they can build their own baseball stadium.

The board of directors of the neighbouring City voted 6-1 late yesterday to authorise their City Manager to enter into negotiations with the Dodgers on possible use of the stadium. Dodger spokesman Arthur Patterson said that "The Los Angeles Dodgers are pleased with the action of the Pasadena board of directors in extending the hospitality of their Rose Bowl."

He said Dodger President Walter O'Malley would meet with Pasadena City Manager Don C. McMillan to "arrange the procedure of negotiations."

### Temporary Basis

Patterson pointed out that for use on a temporary basis, "The Rose Bowl is well suited to traditional Major League standards."

Although the Dodgers said that the willingness of Pasadena to negotiate did not mean a final decision had been reached for use of the stadium, observers felt it was a step in that direction and away from the possibility of using the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum.

Advantages of the Rose Bowl over the Coliseum as a temporary site until the Dodgers can build their own stadium included less remodeling required, a North-South diamond area, and ample parking space. Disadvantages were a lack of public transportation from Los Angeles, few access roads to the canyon in which the Bowl is situated and the distance from downtown Los Angeles, about 10 miles.

United Press.

### First Option

If ever Toni Marchi decides to leave Italy, Spurs will get first option to sign him again. They insisted on a secret clause to this effect when Marchi was sold to Lancashire this year.

His move, by the way, brought £40,000 clear to Spurs and £7,000 to Marchi.

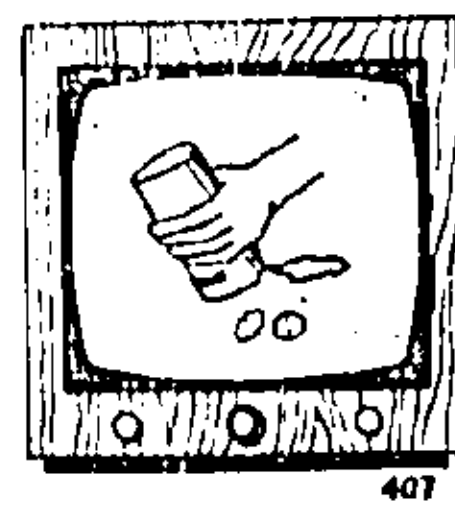
Southampton manager Ted Bates last season signed on the entire Southampton boys' team, who were joint holders of the English schools' trophy.

To boost junior interest in the club, director John Barber allowed the Saints to build a soccer ground near his country house at Southwicks Park.

Now Ted Bates hopes to have this ground flooded for the boys to train through the winter evenings.

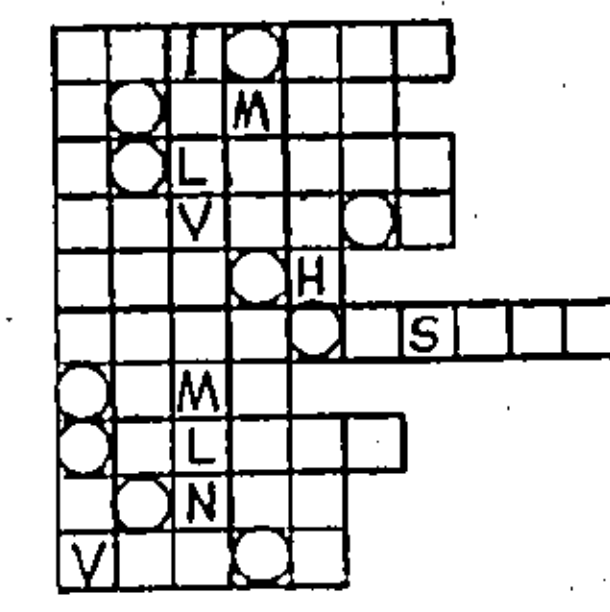
### The Right Bid

While Luton Town are still turning down all offers for golfscore Gordon Turner,



## NAMESAKES

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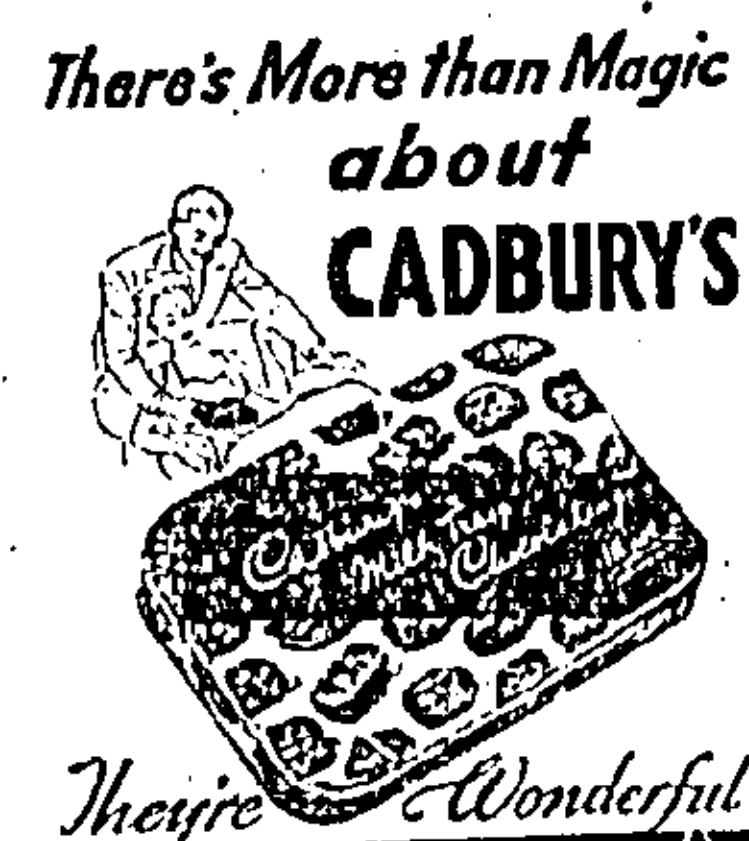
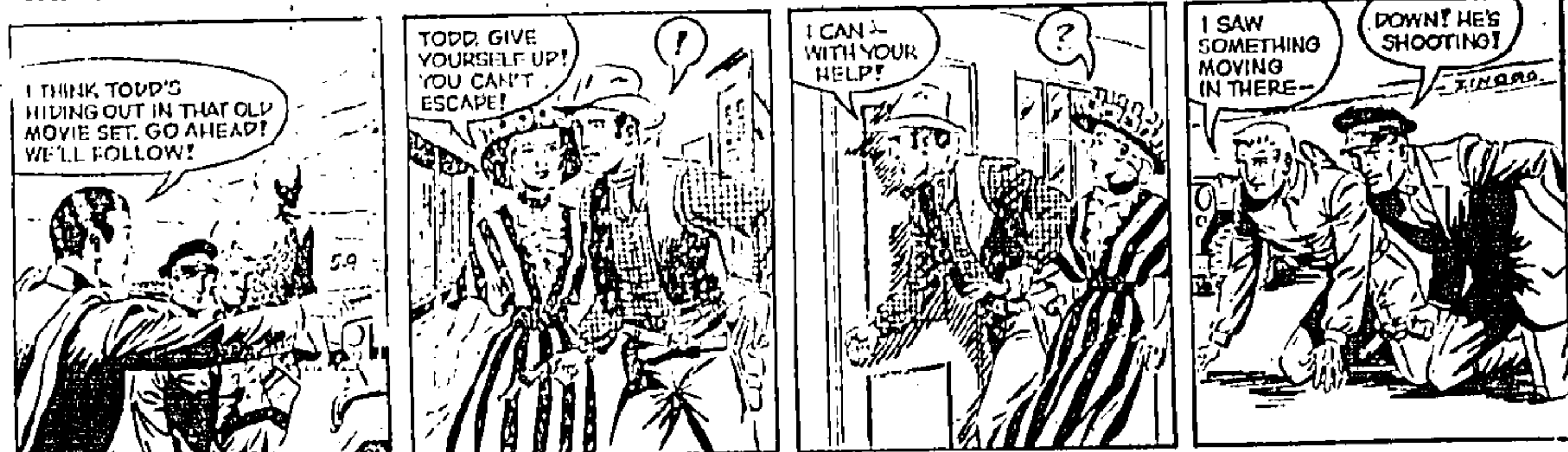


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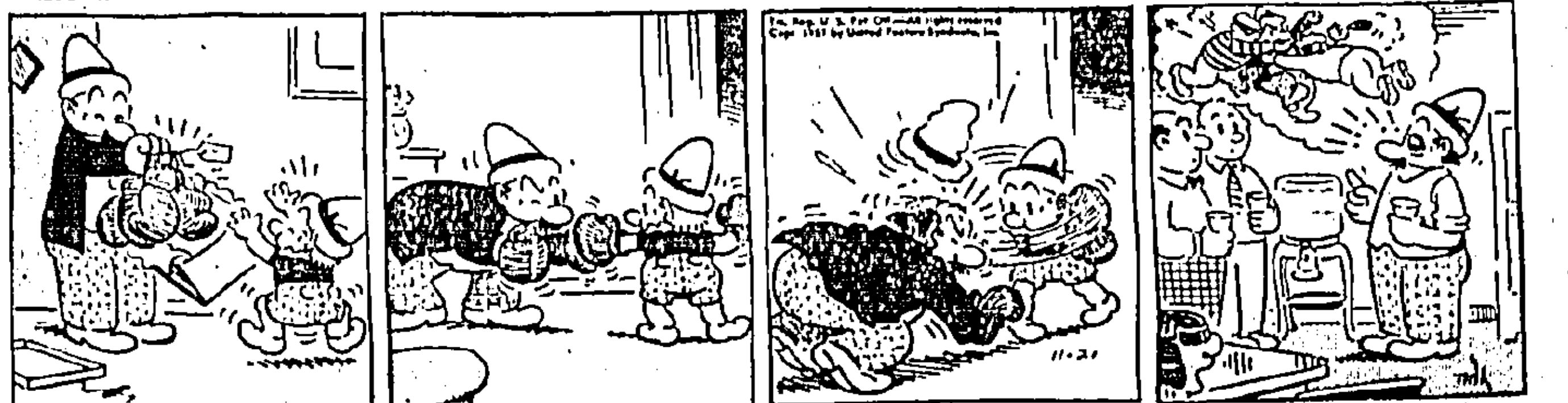
## MANDRAKE THE MAGICIAN

By Lee Falk and Phil Davis



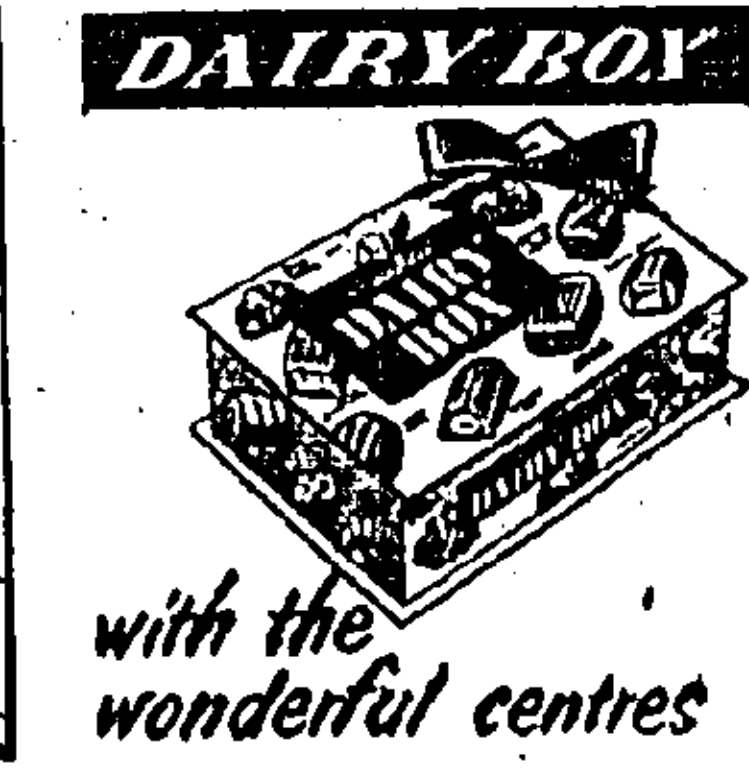
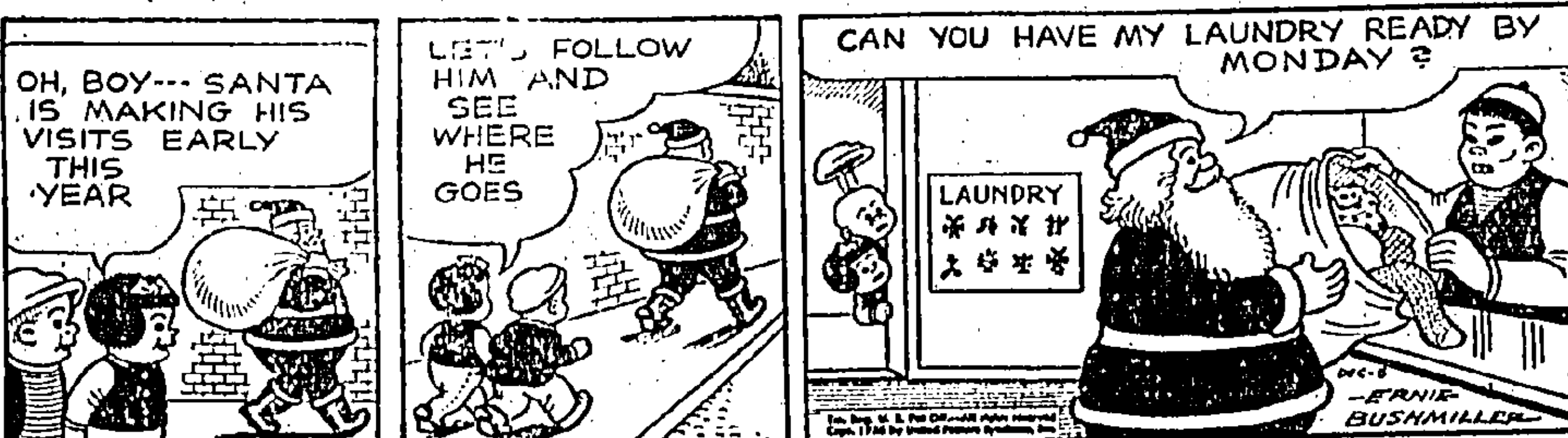
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# Quiz Craze Causes Theatres And Cafes To Lose Business

By CAROL COCHILL

Copenhagen, Dec. 18.

The most talked-about man in Denmark today is a 35-year-old  
accountant, Stig Andersen.

Thanks to his hobby, stamp-collecting, he soared overnight from the relative obscurity of the Copenhagen tax department into the glare of national publicity.

For, by correctly answering seven questions on stamps in the Danish State Television's "Double or Quits" quiz programme, he became the nation's first quiz star and winner of 10,000 Danish Crowns (about £200), the highest sum so far awarded in a television quiz show here.

## Unequaled

"Double or Quits," which is a Danish variation of the "64,000-dollar question," has registered a success unequaled by any other form of entertainment in Denmark and theatres have reported "catastrophic" drops in turnover since the first quiz programme was launched on October 20.

These programmes are now being transmitted by both the State Radio and the State Television at 8.30 every other Sunday evening and the result has been so far that the Danes, instead of spending their Sunday evenings over a beer in a restaurant or queuing up for the latest film or play, sit glued to their own or their neighbour's television screen, watching with bated breath as amateur specialists in subjects ranging from ballets to birds are put through their paces.

The first correct answer is rewarded with 156 Danish Crowns (about £3), the second with twice this sum, and so on with a total of 10,000 Crowns offered for the seventh, and last, correct answer. A mistake costs the quiz victim the money which he has already won. Even Mr. Andersen, after winning 5,000 Crowns, hesitated about whether to carry on to the finish.

## Second Sight

Danes from all over the country wrote and telephoned advice to him. Among them was a woman who claimed that "second sight" had shown her that he would fail. But Mr. Andersen, whose quizzing were headline news in the Danish press for several days, persevered, gallantly turning down an offer by a local newspaper to reimburse him should he lose.

Viewers' sympathy with Mr. Andersen during his trial also extended to his young wife, who was shown sitting in the studio audience, wringing her hands and clenching her teeth from nervousness.

Mr. Andersen's success resulted in a flood of congratulations and more advice—this time on how to spend the prize—from all parts of the country, while one of the big newspapers contrasted with him for articles on his life and hobby as a stamp collector.

Television here, which is limited to the State-owned transmitters and thus non-commercial, made its hesitant start and by the beginning of 1956, only about one thousand licences had been registered. From then on, however, interest in television rose steeply and the 100,000th licence was issued at the beginning of November this year. Denmark's four and a half million inhabitants are now believed to be so "television-bitten" that the figure will reach 600,000 in the next six years.

The anxiety felt by other branches of entertainment about this development has been brought to a head by the falling off of customers during the Sunday quiz programmes. The only exceptions are the State-subsidised Royal Theatre and a private theatre, which is at present showing the hit play of the season, Jean Anouilh's "Waltz of the Toreadors."

## Empty Houses

The chairman of the Private Theatres' Association, Mr. Thorvald Larsen, recently declared that a "collapse of theatre" might easily follow in the wake of the quiz.

The Chairman of the Copenhagen branch of the Danish Cinema Owners' Association, Mr. Harry Frandsen, takes a similarly gloomy view of the possibilities of his branch of entertainment combating television. Copenhagen cinemas, he says, only have 25 per cent of their normal attendance on "quiz days."

Most restaurants also report empty houses, and it has been estimated that the total loss to the State in liquor and entertainment tax during the quiz period had already by the end of November, amounted to 3,500,000 Crowns (about £175,000).

So far, the radio and television authorities have refused to consider changing the time of transmission and have declared that the quiz programmes will probably be continued on a fortnightly basis throughout the winter.

## Joint Protest

The theatre and cinema owners are, however, considering making a joint protest, in which they hope to include restaurant owners, arguing that the quiz could easily be moved either to Sunday afternoon or to a weekday.

The opinion of the radio and television programme council was summed up by its chairman, Mr. Peter Noerregaard, who said: "We must stick to our view that television must go its own way independently and if we must remember that if

viewers sacrifice so much money on a set (the cheapest set here costs about 1,700 Crowns, or about £80) and licence (55 Crowns or about £2 15 0 a year), they ought to have the right to demand good programmes on weekends."

Saying that television "means a structural change in our way of life," the Minister of Finance, Mr. Viggo Kampmann, has called for "tolerance and negotiation" in the matter.

With no compromise in sight, the theatres have, however, temporarily given up evening performances, while the cinemas are seeking dispensation from the Sabbath Law which at present prevents them from starting shows before 5 o'clock in the evening, on the grounds that they need compensation in the form of afternoon performances for the loss of customers for the 7 and 9 p.m. shows.

## Other Ways

Other ways out of the television dilemma are also being sought by leading entertainers. One theatre, for example, is considering the introduction of a giant television screen which could supply quiz enthusiasts with the programmes which they would normally miss while at the theatre. One of the cinemas has announced that it has obtained permission from the authorities to relay the quiz programme on wide-screen.

A person on the island of Fyn has contributed to local adjustment to the new "Television Age" by changing the time of his evening service "so that quiz fans will be able to get home in time for their programme without rushing through the last hymns."—China Mail Special.

## China Mail Entertainment Guide

### WHAT'S ON TONIGHT

**KING'S & PRINCESS:** "Town On Trial." John Mills, Charles Coburn and Barbara Bates in a suspense drama.  
**QUEEN'S & ALHAMBRA:** "Ali-Baba And The 40 Thieves."  
**ROXY & BROADWAY:** "Kiss Them For Me." Cary Grant, Jayne Mansfield and Suzy Parker. Four riotous days of leave.  
**STAR & METROPOLE:** "The Great Man." Jose Ferrer becomes a public idol.  
**HOOVER & LIBERTY:** "The Invisible Boy." Science fantasy.  
**LEE:** "The Bolshoi Ballet." Galina Ulanova at the Covent Garden.  
**RITZ:** "Phantom Of The Rue Morgue." Karl Malden and Patricia Medina in a thriller.  
**CAPITOL:** "The Mole People." Science-fiction.  
**MAJESTIC:** "The Sun Also Rises." Tyrone Power and Ava Gardner in a Hemingway novel.  
**ORIENTAL:** "Vintage." Pier Angeli and Mel Ferrer in a love story.

# A PUBLIC IDOL, A SUSPENSE DRAMA AND SCIENCE FANTASY

"THE Great Man" is a great film, but whether many will agree with me, I doubt. It is as up-to-date as at this very second. On the other hand it is a serious film dealing with a serious problem. It is an attack upon modern publicity methods as used by radio. It shows how great publicity easily passes for genius, and it shows that modern gods have feet of radio tubes.

"The Great Man" now showing at the Star and Metropole, stars Jose Ferrer in the magnificent role of a radio commentator who at the eleventh hour refuses to play the game according to the accepted convention. And in so refusing starts himself on the way to becoming another public idol, although such was not his intention.

The question remains, however, whether this film will be appreciated in Hongkong where, in its outlook, Hongkong is not disturbed by situations the film presents. But those who take thought of modern publicity methods will appreciate the circumstances "The Great Man" presents, and to such I recommend this film as the outstanding sociological drama of the year.

Jose Ferrer gives an outstanding performance as the slightly cynical radio man who is ready to follow up the career of his departed predecessor.

Ed Wynn makes a fine debut as a small-town radio station owner, who, when he takes over the role of a ruthless radio-TV executive.

The film is taken from the novel of the same name, and is faithful to the original in detailing the fascinating story of a radio-TV star known as "America's beloved humorist."

Particularly great are the scenes which have Jose Ferrer collecting stories for the memorial radio service which would lament for the departed "hero."



This scene from "The Great Man" shows Jose Ferrer collecting "fans" reactions to the "Great Man's" tragic death.

So authentic are they, and so artistic their presentation, that one finds it hard to believe that the incidents screened did not take place.

★ ★ ★

THIS is the kind of film that might just as well have the title, "It could not happen here," instead of "Town On Trial," the title it enjoys. My reason for saying so is, it is a film that portrays what happens in a sleepy little community that awakens suddenly to find itself infamous.

"Town On Trial," Columbia Pictures suspense drama at the King's and Princess has John Mills, Charles Coburn, and Barbara Bates heading the cast.

On the face of it you find yourself in a pleasant little town whose inhabitants seem nice easy going people. One summer evening, an attractive young girl is found strangled by a nylon stocking.

The crime brings a tough Scotland Yard detective on the scene, but he runs up against a wall of silence and evasion from the town people.

Their antagonism only makes him more determined than ever to probe into the dark secrets of their hidden relationships and history.

Ultimately, the killer is unearthed, but not before he has struck again. He is captured in

thrilling, nerve-jarring climax. As the detective who draws aside the curtains of respectability, and reveals the shocking secrets of this town, John Mills is in fine form, giving one of his finest screen portrayals.

Pretty Barbara Bates, as Coburn's niece, who early deduces the detective slowly develops into love, makes a spectacular screen debut as a reckless teenager who rebels against parental authority.

It is an excellent example of the kind of thriller that discovers violence in unsuspected places.

★ ★ ★

"THE Invisible Boy" described as science fiction, but more exactly as science fantasy, fascinated me. But not for the reasons that the producers give. The science bit about invisibility is a straight borrow from H. G. Wells, the robot angle is pure MGM.

What happens is the robot, which bears the very human name of Robby, starts to do a little thinking on his (or its) own account. It is obsessed with a rule-or-ruin psychosis.

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## Snarling

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How do you act in the "capitalist West?" You do not laugh in an agreeable way when someone "sland-ers" Communism.

Kleinschmidt hastened to add, however, that such a circumstance would seldom arise because the average Westerner is friendly toward the Socialist Camp.

## Don't Cheat

You also change your money legally when travelling to the West if you are well brought up and you do not try to cheat the East German Government.

The Communists long have had a tendency to discard ties and walk around with their shirts buttoned up tight.

"Ties belong under all circumstances to party or going-out clothes," the book advised.

and seeks to smuggle a cargo of nuclear bombs aboard a rocket ship assigned to transport materials for the establishment of an earth satellite in outer space.

"The Invisible Boy," which comes to the Hoover and Liberty this afternoon has eleven-year-old Richard Eyer as the boy who is made invisible, and enjoys all kinds of adventures on the account.

Other starring roles in the film are enacted by Philip Abbott as his scientist father, and Diane Brewster as his mother, who watches her son go off into space inside a lowering rocket.

Harold Stone, as General Swayne, is the government representative who checks top-secret data on a super-computer. This computer, a gigantic, futuristic version of the mechanical brain known as Univas, contains 13 miles of wires, 3,000 tiny globes, 2,000 knobs, 707 electronic tubes of various functions, and 14 independently operating electric motors. Weighing 18 tons, the computer cost more than \$40,000 to build.

The story's other mechanical "stars" include a giant rocket; a kilt; and a radarscope. The rocket was designed after the latest mechanical development in the field, but on the screen appears to be 250 feet in height as it makes its deafening flight through space.

The radarscope, many times bigger than the existing ones in use at the moment, follows the rocket's course through space. Pentagon gave permission for the story's Nike missile site, an actual military installation overlooking the Pacific Ocean, to be used for a spectacular sequence in which row after row of gigantic Nike missiles are shown in a fiery conflagration.

The climax is reached when an incredible battle is waged between a USA section of the Army missile unit and Robby the Robot. The Army unit tries vainly to wipe out the Robot, firing rifles, machine-guns, tanks, jeep-borne cannon, and finally, flamethrowers.

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19, 1957.

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ADMIRAL "SNORKEL" PEN

## Disappointing Recital By Miss Chun

By R. A. BONES

Last night in the Loke Yew Hall of the University, Miss Betty Chun (Soprano) gave a recital of Western and Eastern songs.

This singer made a most attractive appearance on the stage and has an unaffected and modest manner. She possesses a pleasing, fairly rich tone and moderate power. Her diction in the English and German songs was excellent but I had difficulty in understanding or following her French and Italian and I cannot speak for her Chinese.

On the other hand, Miss Chun's intonation is bad, she appears to have great difficulty in finding her note and in keeping it once she has found it. She seeks to hide this by a feeble vibrato that is almost a warble.

### DIFFICULTY

She lacks a sense of rhythm and timing and seems to have little proper understanding for the music. For example, in Puccini's aria "Quando Meno" from La Boheme, her accompanist, Harry Ore, had great difficulty in keeping with her.

Miss Chun is also lacking in attack and drive so that her interpretation of the eight songs in Western idiom possessed a uniformity in interpretation and although she sang some of the greatest operatic arias they all bore a certain resemblance to lullabies.

In the Chinese songs Miss Chun showed more life. I do not claim a knowledge of oriental music but it seemed to me that her intonation was better and, most surprisingly, the vibrato was reduced at times to tolerable proportions. In the third of the Chinese folk songs which she sang and in the encore, also Chinese, Miss Chun showed that she might conceivably be capable of better things.

### SOLOS

Professor Ore also played two groups of solos. The first group of these included a Minuet and Savage Dance by Rameau, a lively but rather jerky interpretation of a Chopin Mazurka, and a delightful performance of a Gavotte by Godard.

The second group of piano solos by Professor Ore were delightful and well worth staying to hear.

## Girl Hurt

A four-year-old Chinese girl, Au Wei-ching, of 1063, Canton Road, first floor, sustained serious injuries yesterday morning when she was knocked down by a commercial van in Canton Road, near Argyle Street.

## LOCAL PRINTING PRESS HAVE RECORD YEAR

The Local Printing Press Ltd had a record year the Chairman, Mr B. W. Bradbury, told the annual general meeting of shareholders this morning at Caxton House.

Mr Bradbury said the record was due to new rentals. The company made a profit of \$1,017,708.97 and paid a dividend of \$2 a share.

Addressing the shareholders, Mr Bradbury said: "It is indeed a privilege and pleasure for me to be able to announce at this meeting that our company's financial year ending June 30, 1957, has proved to be an all-time record which is entirely due to the new rentals received from our recently acquired, reconstructed and renovated property."

### Fully Owned

Both our Printing Department together with the Dollar Directory and that of our fully owned subsidiary — Ye Old Printer, Ltd — have managed to hold their own despite fierce competition which I think you will agree, reflects great credit on our Managing-Director and staff.

The net profit for the year is \$1,017,708.97 which together with \$120,752.04 brought forward from last year and \$92,120.20 overprovided, leaves \$1,230,581.21 available for appropriation.

Total Assets of \$8,133,886.65 show an increased value of \$882,845.95 after allowance for appropriate depreciation.

After placing \$586,880 to General Reserve your Directors propose a \$2 per share dividend which will absorb \$942,080.00.

### Properties

As you are aware we now own four large attractive properties in Hongkong, namely, Printing House, Caxton House, Station House and Baskerville House and apart from our own Printing Department with its valuable machinery and stocks, we fully own Ye Old Printer, Ltd together with their valuable machinery and stocks and it is therefore gratifying to realise that after paying the proposed dividend of nearly a million dollars we are practically free from all indebtedness.

In accordance with the wishes of not only our own shareholders but also the public generally we have during the past few years, made several applications to the Hongkong Stock Exchange for permission to have the shares of our company listed with them for the following reasons:

★ 1. If listed a market quotation would be available at all time and would undoubtedly assist in the assessment of estate duty.

★ 2. Assist both our own shareholders and the public generally to deal in the shares of this company at market prices.

★ 3. Greatly help in the valuation of the shares for collateral purposes.

As required by the Hongkong Stock Exchange, we would be agreeable to offer through the medium of the Hongkong Stock Exchange a substantial number of our shares to the general public but the Hongkong Stock Exchange insist that our shares be offered at a substantially lower rate than our shares have been changing hands for the past few years.

### Registered

The Local Printing Press, Ltd was established and registered as a Hongkong private limited company more than 50 years ago, and it was registered as a Hongkong public limited company in 1950. It is in excellent standing and should be listed on the Hongkong Stock Exchange.

We can only hope that in the near future a reasonable figure for the marketing of our shares will be agreed upon by the Hongkong Stock Exchange and then the general public will be given an opportunity to acquire a good sound investment at an attractive price.

I now propose that the Report and Accounts for the year ended June 30, 1957 as presented be adopted, and that your Directors' recommendations, regarding the appropriations be confirmed.

### Adopted

The Report and Accounts were adopted on Mr Bradbury's proposal and seconded by Mr H. J. Tebbutt.

Mr Bradbury, the retiring chairman, being eligible, was re-elected on Mr P. A. L. Vine's proposal, which was seconded by Mr Chan Yuk-ku and carried unanimously.

Messrs. Bat, Mainwaring, Mitchell and Co. were re-appointed Auditors on Mr Chau Shu-tsen, seconded by Mr D. Benson.

## HE Presents Police Trophies

His Excellency the Governor on this morning presented trophies to the two winning units of the recent annual Police review, in a brief ceremony at the Marine Police Station, Police Headquarters.

Sub-Inspector R. A. Paterson received the Police Review Cup on behalf of Emergency Unit, Hongkong Island, and Mr L. A. Rumbold, ASP (S), the Police Review Shield for the Emergency Unit, Auxiliary.

His Excellency was met on arrival by Mr Maxwell, Commissioner of Police, and Mr Edwin Tyler, Assistant Commissioner.

Sir Alexander, accompanied by Mr N. Roph, Senior Superintendent of Police, inspected the two winning units.

### BIT EXTRA

In a brief address, His Excellency congratulated the two winning units for having "a little bit extra" at the annual review, and said he was confident they would uphold the fine tradition of the Force.

Among those present at the ceremony were the Hon. M. W. Turner, Commander, Special Constabulary, Mr E. C. Van Heiden, Deputy Commandant, and Mr H. O. Tso, SP (R).

## Alumni Dance

The Soochow University Alumni Association, Hongkong will hold their Annual Dinner Dance Party at the Astor Night Club, King's Building, ground floor, tomorrow from 8 p.m. to midnight.

## Contractor Admits Little Experience

T. S. Tsai, a contractor, cross-examined in his counter-claims against the Trading Corporation in the Supreme Court, agreed with the plaintiff's Counsel this morning that he had taken up two large contracts worth \$1,500,000 for the construction of Castle Peak Hospital and Po Hing Theatre "with practically no experience on contracting work."

In answer to Mr Richard Winter, Counsel for the plaintiff, Trading Corporation, Tsai said he had been a contractor for only one year in Hongkong, beginning January last year when he first took up the two contracts.

He said he had never seen a PWD building certificate before, which certificate, he said, had been passed to the clerk of works and the Sun Tai Company.

Judgment was given by Mr Justice T. J. Gould yesterday to the Trading Corporation for \$309,330.54, which claim by the Trading Corporation had been admitted by the defendants, the Chiu Lun Construction Co. and T. S. Tsai, a partner. The defendants however deny a further claim by the plaintiff company for \$55,774.59, being interest on the overdue accounts.

### COUNTER-CLAIMS

Tsai counterclaims \$539,015.04, alleging breach of two contracts with regard to the building of the new Po Hing Theatre and the Castle Peak Hospital.

Cross-examined this morning, Tsai agreed that the plaintiff company had delivered about \$309,000 worth of building material to the site in Castle Peak.

Mr Winter pointed out to him that according to the three certificates issued by the PWD, the total value of the material and work done only amounted to \$145,000.

Tsai replied that the PWD estimate of the materials used and work done, usually amounted to 70 per cent of the actual value.

Hearing is continuing.

## COCKADE LEAVES FOR UK

A large gathering was present this morning at HK Dockyard to bid farewell to HMS Cockade, as she left Hongkong for the United Kingdom, where she will pay off.

Among those present at the farewell were the Flag Officer second in Command, Far East Station, and Mrs. Durlacher, Commodore G. D. A. Gregory, Commodore-in-Charge, Hongkong, and the Hon. A. Ridge, QC, Attorney General.

The band of Flag Officer Second-in-Command was in attendance. Commanded by Commander D. J. Cobb, Cockade has been refitting in HM Dockyard since September. She has been on the Far East Station since 1946 and took part in the Korean War.

## CHINESE STABBED

A Chinese was stabbed at the Smithfield Market, Western District at about one o'clock yesterday during an argument with another man over a debt. The condition of the injured man is not regarded as serious. His assailant is being sought by the Police.

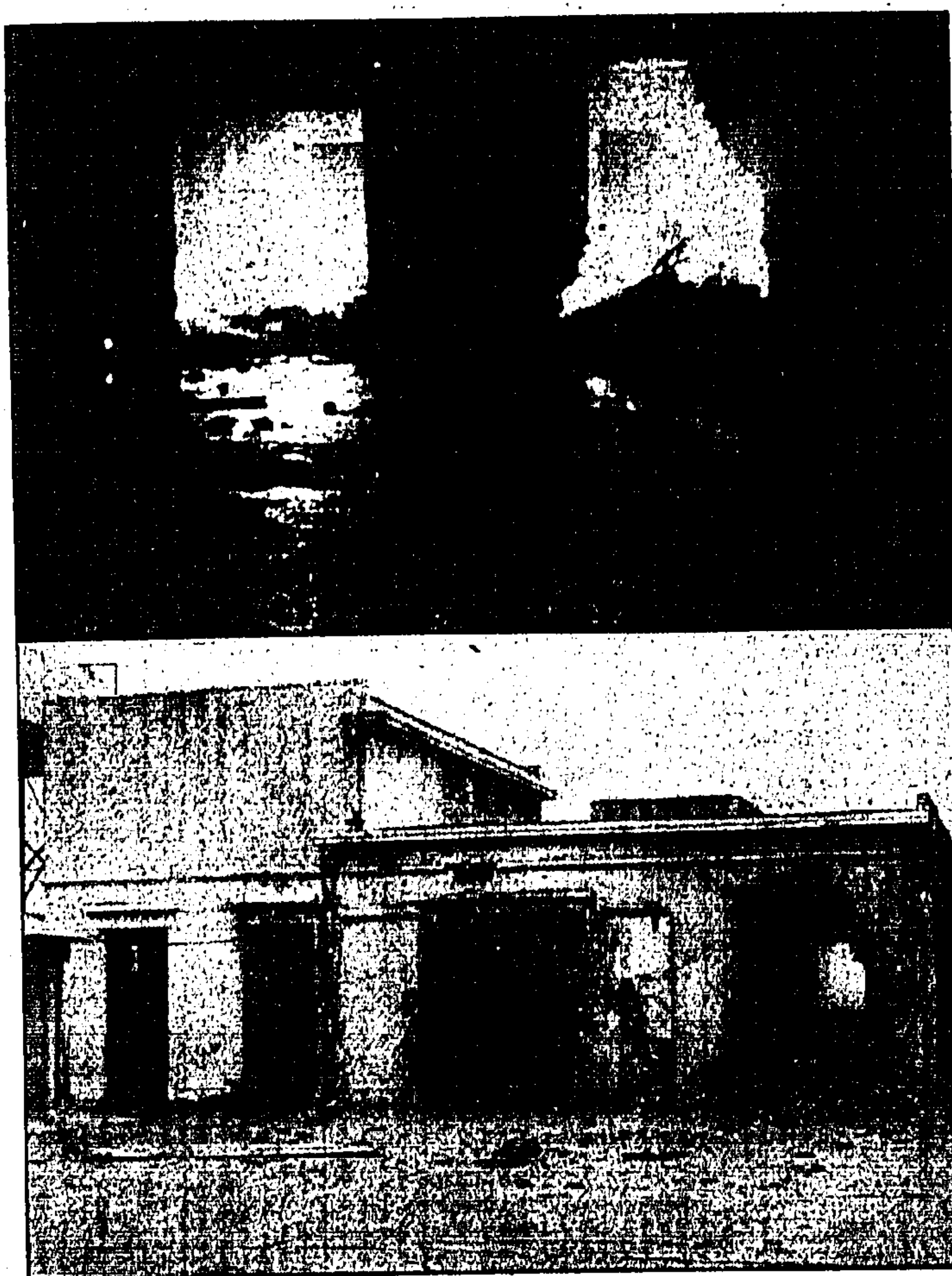
## Burglary

Property and cash valued at about \$1,120 was stolen from 107, Lockhart Road, first floor, between midnight and eight o'clock yesterday morning.

## Handbag Snatched

A handbag containing money was snatched from a Chinese woman in Hennessy Road, near Tin Lok Lane, at about 9:30 p.m. yesterday.

## EARLY MORNING EXPLOSION



Top photo shows the Far East Oxygen and Acetylene Co. in To Kwa Wan Road, Hung Hom, at the height of the fire which broke out early this morning. A series of explosions rocked the neighbourhood. Bottom photo shows the gutted building in daylight.—China Mail.

## Explosions Destroy Acetylene Works

The series of early morning explosions which occurred at the plant of the Far East Oxygen Acetylene Co. at Hung Hom shortly before 1.30 o'clock today caused considerable damage to the works and the company's property.

The cause of the explosions is still the subject of Police and Fire Brigade investigation. Production of acetylene is at a standstill.

However, Mr R. Liang, engineer in charge of the works, told the China Mail this morning that his men could put the

plant back into production within a week or so.

Mr Liang estimated the damage to 200 cylinders at \$60,000. Damage to machinery amounted to about \$5,000.

The force of the explosions had shot heavy iron cylinders

several hundred feet from plant building. The plant building was badly damaged. Its doors were blasted off and the walls were charred.

Mrs J. Villacarlos, a super-intendent of the company, described what she termed "the most horrible experience I have ever been through."

An employee of long standing, Mrs Villacarlos occupies the staff quarters inside the company compound. "I went to bed about midnight," she said, "and about 1.20 am someone woke up, calling me to telephone the Police because there was a fire. I looked out and saw fire coming out of the acetylene plant. I hurried to the telephone and dialled 999. And as I was talking there was a terrific explosion."

### Legs Failed

"Well, I started the telephone and dropped to scramble out of the building. I got as far as the main door when my legs failed me. I slumped down onto the ground. Someone had to carry me away and out of the factory compound. During this time, of course, explosions occurred one after another. I cannot remember how many explosions there were."

## EXPLOSIVES STOLEN

Two hundred and fifty pounds of gelignite, 2,000 detonators and 25 coils of fuse wire were seized by the Police in the Castle Peak District at about 8 p.m. yesterday. A Chinese has been detained in connection with the theft of the explosives and he will appear in Court today.

## SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"While I was playing hard to get, he met a girl who believed in love at first sight!"

## Christmas Carol Success

By JOHN LUFF

Those who claim that there is no Christmas atmosphere in Hongkong will find a perfect answer to their statement in the Garrison Players Production of "A Christmas Carol." It is as Yuletide as turkey and mince-pies, as rich as Christmas cake and old wine. As English as roast beef and ale, and as varied as all the metaphorical comparisons I have made.

Before getting down to the business of discussing the merits of the huge cast something must be said about the production, for strictly speaking, with one exception this play, (which is really a series of sketches, tableaux, and short scenes, deftly woven together, and continually maintained by excellent performance from Peter Scrooge as Scrooge) is a triumph of production.

Never in the decade that has passed since the war has so much real theatre been achieved by skilful lighting and clear grouping. One scene in particular, in which the ghost of the future conducts Scrooge to the churchyard, is sheer Drury Lane for dramatic surprise. It really had the audience gasping.

### MASTERLY

Then the interwoven music, the sound effects, the masterly crescendos, provided a background that invoked merited applause.

The cast is far too huge to mention in detail all who contributed to this seasonal production but Peter Scrooge who carries the load from curtain to curtain is great as he progresses from skin-flint to a sort of Icarus Santa Claus. It was a Scrooge I liked, a human interpretation of that grasping old rogue.

Ron Colbourne as Bob Cratchit was another bit of good casting, and Billy Tingle has lost none of his skill since the old Shanghai days. Peter and June Ryan had a pleasant debut to Hongkong dramatics, as did the Ramage girls, along with Kathy Coombes.

Patrick Rorer as Tiny Tim spoke the awailed "God Bless Everyone" with a confidence and clearness which carried the scene.

Roger Needel, as Fezziwig, was a cheery breeze of goodwill at his immortal (it seems) after shop closing party.

In the tableaux scenes, and linking sketches, the following well established these minor roles which firmly welded the play together. Ray Rorer, who doubles in the part of introducing the play, and as Mrs. Cratchit, Ian Verchere, as a cheerful irrepressible nephew of Scrooge, Michael Tristram as the gentleman who called on Scrooge for a conical, George Crosby as a ghost, Franz Fold as Scrooge's fellow assistant in the Christmas past scene, Brenda White as Mrs. Fezziwig, Barbara Stirling as Fanny Fezziwig, Pam Heath as Dora, and Hilton Leigh as a merry Santa Claus in Christmas, present, and Paul Rorer as a child, listening to the story. The sceptical lad of Scrooge's awakening was played by Kevin Barla.

### COSTUMES

The costumes, varied and colourful, were designed and executed by Jean Ramago. Space alone prevents my dwelling on this performance in detail. But it can be summed up in a sentence.

As a whole, it is a clever production of an unbelievably difficult play. And it sends you out believing that Christmas is really something. So, this year Christmas dinner, but don't miss the Garrison Players "Christmas Carol."

## Snatching Suspects

The Police have detained two Chinese, as a result of two pick-pocketing and snatching cases yesterday, one in the Sham Shui Po District of Kowloon and the other in the Eastern District of Hongkong Island.

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